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## Updated

To: Maine Immunization Providers  
From: The Maine Immunization Program  
Subject: Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccines  
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The Maine Immunization Program will soon be offering two recently licensed vaccines that protect against serogroup B meningococcal (MenB) disease.

These vaccines are recommended for people 10 years or older who are at increased risk for serogroup B meningococcal infections, including:

- Anyone whose spleen is damaged or has been removed
- Anyone with a rare immune system condition called “persistent complement component deficiency”
- Anyone taking a drug called eculizumab (also called Soliris<sup>®</sup>)
- Microbiologists who routinely work with *N. meningitidis* isolates
- People at risk because of a serogroup B meningococcal disease outbreak

These vaccines will be available through the Maine Immunization Program for ages 10 through 18 years of age only.

The recommended schedule depends on which vaccine is given:

- Bexsero<sup>®</sup> is given as **two doses**, at least one month apart.  
or
- Trumenba<sup>®</sup> is given as **three doses**, with the second dose two months after the first and the third dose six months after the first.

The same vaccine must be used for all doses. There is no preference for one product over the other.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at 207-287-3746.

As always, thank you for your commitment to keeping Maine’s children free of vaccine preventable diseases.