

Important Information: MenB Vaccination for Patients Linked to the Canterbury Meningococcal Outbreak

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has confirmed an outbreak of meningococcal disease linked to the University of Kent and the Canterbury area. As part of the national response, some individuals may now be eligible for a **free MenB (Bexsero) vaccination**.

Our practice has been asked to support this programme and provide vaccinations to eligible patients who have returned home from Kent and cannot access local clinics.

✓ Who Is Eligible?

You may be eligible for a MenB vaccination if:

- You are a **student normally resident on the University of Kent Canterbury campus**, even if you've now returned home
- You attend another **Canterbury university** and were advised to take preventative antibiotics due to being a close contact
- You **attended Club Chemistry** in Canterbury **between 5–16 March**
- You have been **offered preventative antibiotics** as part of the outbreak response
- Your **school or sixth form** has notified you that you are part of an eligible group

If you are unsure whether you qualify, please contact us—our team can check for you.

✓ About the Vaccine

- The vaccine offered is **MenB (Bexsero)**
 - It is given as a **two-dose course**, with the second dose 28 days after the first
 - The vaccine is **free** for eligible patients
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✓ How to Get Your Vaccine

If you believe you are eligible and have not yet received a MenB vaccination:

 **Please contact the practice to book an appointment.**

We aim to vaccinate all eligible patients as quickly as possible.

✓ Know the Symptoms

Meningitis and septicaemia can develop suddenly. If you are worried about symptoms, seek urgent medical help.

More information can be found on the UK government website:

 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningococcal-the-green-book-chapter-22>