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Dear Headteacher / School Health Lead,

Re: Meningitis B Vaccination Programme for School Leavers and University Entrants

We are writing to inform you that Christchurch Healthcentre will be offering the Meningitis B (MenB) vaccination programme from **20th July 2026**, following recent increase in cases across England and NHS England's announcement to vaccinate at-risk individuals.

Who is eligible for the NHS-funded vaccine?

- Year 13 students (born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008)
- Under-25s entering university or residential further education for the first time
- International students under 25 entering their first year of university

The vaccination course consists of **two doses**, with the second dose given **at least 28 days** after the first and ideally before students begin their studies in September.

Why is this important?

Meningococcal B disease is a rare but serious infection that can lead to meningitis and septicaemia. It can be life-threatening and may cause permanent disabilities. It is fatal in around 10% of cases. The service follows the recent rise in cases and clusters in England, including the largest and fastest outbreak in Kent earlier this year. Young people entering higher education are at increased risk due to close living and social environments.

Private Vaccination Option for those NOT eligible on the NHS

For those not eligible for NHS vaccination but who wish to protect themselves or their children, we also offer the Meningitis B (MenB) vaccine privately at **£130 per dose**.

We would be grateful if you could share this information with students, parents, and carers who may be eligible.

For further information or to book an appointment, please contact Christchurch Clinics on **01376 329524** or visit www.christchurchhealthcentre.co.uk. Click the link below to complete a form.
<https://christchurchhealthcentre.co.uk/nhse-meningitis-b-vaccination-programme/>

Thank you for your support in helping protect the health and wellbeing of young people in our community.

Kind regards,

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