



RUSA Resolution S19 - 07

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Resolution to Endorse Rutgers Student Health Meningitis B Vaccine Clinics

Whereas, meningococcal disease is one of the most common types of bacterial meningitis and it is a life-threatening bacterial infection of the brain and spinal cord lining or of the bloodstream,¹⁰

Whereas, 50+ college campuses have reported cases of meningococcal disease (2013-March 2019), including 29 schools with MenB cases since 2008 and specifically, Meningitis B accounts for: 50% of all meningococcal disease cases among 17-22 year olds and 100% of all meningococcal disease outbreaks on college campuses in the U.S. since 2011,¹¹

Whereas, in response to the recent serogroup B meningococcal infections in two undergraduate students, all Rutgers University – New Brunswick undergraduate students, regardless of whether or not they live in campus housing, are strongly recommended to receive the serogroup B meningococcal (MenB) vaccine,¹²

Whereas, Rutgers Student Health is having free on-campus MenB vaccination clinics with Bexsero and Trumenba, which are the two vaccines that provide protection against MenB, open to all undergraduate Rutgers students from 12-8 p.m. on April 2nd in the College Ave Student Center (Multipurpose Room/Main Lounge), April 3rd in the College Ave Gym, April 8th in the Livingston Student Center (Multipurpose Room/Concourse), April 9th in the Cook Student Center (Multipurpose Room/Hallway), May 2nd in the College Ave Gym, May 6th in the College Ave Student Center (Multipurpose Room/Main Lounge), May 7th in the Livingston

¹⁰ <https://meningitisbactionproject.org/about-meningitis>

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² <http://health.rutgers.edu/meningitis/information-for-undergraduate-students-meningitis-b-health-advisory/>

Student Center (2nd floor rooms 201, 202, 2nd floor lounge and the Board Room), and May 8th in the Cook Student Center (2nd floor room 202 and the 2nd floor lounge),

Whereas, it is important that all students at Rutgers University – New Brunswick are aware of the benefits of services offered by Rutgers Student Health, and

Whereas, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) believes in protecting the health of students and our Rutgers community, as a whole,

Be it hereby resolved, RUSA supports the MenB vaccine clinics, and the Public Relations Committee will advertise the information provided by Rutgers Student Health regarding meningitis B and the vaccine clinics through social media platforms.

Be it further resolved, that the Public Relations Committee and the Health and Wellness Committee will host a Physical Health tabling event in April in response to the MenB outbreak, during which we will promote renewals of vaccinations and provide resources for on-campus wellness centers.

RUSA President

Date