

## Meningitis B

The symptoms of meningitis include the sudden onset of fever, headache and stiff neck. Patients may also have nausea, vomiting, confusion and sensitivity to light. The symptoms of septicemia include fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea, cold hands and feet, chills, severe muscle aches, and rapid breathing. A dark purple or red rash may also be present. People with these symptoms should seek urgent medical attention.

Although both formulations of Meningitis B vaccine are approved and recommended for 10-25 years, there is no contraindication for those older than 25. Therefore it is appropriate to consider for older adults in close proximity to students (i.e. faculty) when there are local cases of meningitis B.

For those who have previously been vaccinated for meningitis, the Meningococcal B Vaccine is a new vaccine (approved by the FDA in 2014) specifically to protect against serotype B, which is the cause of current infections at Santa Clara University. Previous vaccinations to protect against four types of meningococcal disease (A, C, W, Y) are not sufficient to protect against serogroup B.

**Walmart, Safeway, Walgreens, and CVS are carrying the Meningitis B vaccine. Call your local store to inquire about availability and hours.**

*CVS has provided printed information regarding availability of vaccines on the next page.*

**Trumenba Meningococcal Group B Vaccine made by Pfizer is one of two vaccine formulations available.**

**Call 1 (800) 683-8572 to find a location near you that stocks the Pfizer vaccine.**

**Meningitis B Toolkit is an interactive guide to learning more about meningitis B and providing reminders for your vaccine schedule.**

**To download the app, go to**

[www.meningitisbtoolkit.com](http://www.meningitisbtoolkit.com)

## **CVS Pharmacies Stocking Meningitis B Vaccines**

CVS Health is offering Meningitis B vaccines to people living in Santa Clara County, CA, in response to confirmed cases of Meningitis B on the Santa Clara University campus. CVS Pharmacy stores and MinuteClinic walk-in medical clinics have vaccines available to protect patients against the disease. Anyone who has had close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with a meningococcal illness, as well as faculty and staff who have conditions such as asplenia, a complement deficiency, or sickle cell anemia, should be vaccinated.

Vaccination is the most effective way to protect people from meningococcal infection and CVS Pharmacy and MinuteClinic will be offering the vaccine at the following locations:

- CVS Pharmacy, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA
- CVS Pharmacy, 325 Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park, CA
- CVS Pharmacy, 352 University Avenue, Palo Alto, CA
- CVS Pharmacy, 700 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, CA
- CVS Pharmacy, 2701 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA
- CVS Pharmacy, 821 The Alameda, San Jose, CA
- CVS Pharmacy, 3081 Stevens Creek Blvd, Santa Clara, CA
- CVS Pharmacy, 1820 West Verdugo Avenue, Burbank, CA
- CVS Pharmacy, 4110 North First Street, San Jose, CA
- CVS Pharmacy and MinuteClinic, 2700 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA
- MinuteClinic (inside CVS Pharmacy), 2630 West El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA
- MinuteClinic (inside CVS Pharmacy), 576 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA
- MinuteClinic (inside CVS Pharmacy), 1720 South Bascom Avenue, Campbell, CA
- MinuteClinic (inside CVS Pharmacy), 1871 El Camino Real, Burlingame, CA
- MinuteClinic (inside CVS Pharmacy), 2514 Berryessa Road, San Jose, CA
- MinuteClinic (inside CVS Pharmacy), 987 East Hillsdale Boulevard, Foster City, CA
- MinuteClinic (inside CVS Pharmacy), 10455 South De Anza Boulevard, Cupertino, CA

**All CVS Pharmacy locations in California can order doses of the vaccine upon request and have it available the next day. Pharmacy and medical clinic staff can assist patients in determining whether the vaccine is covered by their insurance plan. Patients should bring both their health insurance and prescription insurance cards.**