

Meningococcal B Vaccine Recommendations by Age and Risk Factor

This document covers MenB vaccine. For information on vaccine that provides protection against meningococcal serogroup A, C, W, and Y disease, see www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2018.pdf.

Meningococcal Serogroup B Vaccines

- Bexsero (MenB-4C, GlaxoSmithKline)
- Trumenba (MenB-FHbp, Pfizer)

The two brands of MenB vaccines are not interchangeable. The series, and booster doses when indicated, must be started and completed with the same brand of vaccine.¹

Recommendations for Meningococcal Serogroup B Vaccination (Shared Clinical Decision-Making) for People Who Are Not in a Risk Group

WHOM TO VACCINATE	VACCINATION SCHEDULE
Teens and young adults ages 16 through 23 years based on shared clinical decision-making (those who want to be vaccinated based on the risk and benefits of the vaccine). The preferred age for vaccination is 16 through 18 years.	Administer either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bexsero: Give 2 doses, 4 weeks apart, or • Trumenba: Give 2 doses 6 months apart. If dose #2 is administered earlier than 6 months after dose #1, give a third dose at least 4 months after dose #2.

Risk-based Recommendations for Persons with Underlying Medical Conditions or Other Risk Factors

WHOM TO VACCINATE	PRIMARY SERIES SCHEDULE	BOOSTER DOSE SCHEDULE
For people ages 10 years or older with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • persistent complement component deficiencies, or complement inhibitor use² • anatomic or functional asplenia, including sickle cell disease • prolonged increased risk for exposure (e.g., microbiologists routinely working with <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>) 	Administer either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bexsero: Give 2 doses, 4 weeks apart; or • Trumenba: Give 3 doses on a 0-, 1–2-, and 6-month schedule 	If risk continues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give first booster dose 1 year after completion of primary series. • Give a booster dose every 2–3 years following 1st booster as long as risk continues.
For people ages 10 years or older who are identified as at risk by public health officials during an outbreak of meningococcal serogroup B disease	Administer either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bexsero: Give 2 doses, 4 weeks apart; or • Trumenba: Give 3 doses on a 0-, 1–2-, and 6-month schedule 	Give a booster dose to any person identified as at risk who has completed a primary series at least 1 year earlier. Note that public health officials may recommend that a booster dose be given as early as 6 months after completion of the primary series. ³

1. The brands of MenB vaccine are not interchangeable. If the brand of MenB vaccine used for the primary series is unknown or unavailable, complete a new primary series with the available brand.

2. Persistent complement component deficiencies include inherited or chronic deficiencies in C3, C5–C9, properdin, factor D, and factor H, or taking eculizumab (Soliris) or ravulizumab (Ultomiris).

3. In an outbreak, do not delay vaccination if brand of primary vaccine series is unknown. Counsel recipient to verify primary series brand after vaccination. If it is different or unknown, the patient should return in 4 weeks for a booster dose of the original brand or to complete the new primary series for optimal protection.