



November 2, 2022

Dear Healthcare Provider:

As of July 1, 2022, children 16 years of age and older attending 11th grade are required to have a booster dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY), unless their initial dose was administered on or after their 16th birthday. The three meningococcal conjugate vaccines that meet the 11th grade booster dose requirement are Menveo (MenACWY-CRM), Menactra (MenACWY-D), and MenQuadfi (MenACWY-TT). These vaccines prevent invasive meningococcal disease caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroups A, C, Y, and W-135.

The meningococcal group B vaccines Bexsero (MenB-4C) and Trumenba (MenB-FHbp) indicated to prevent meningococcal group B disease (also known as meningitis B) do not meet the 11th grade school requirement. For individuals who choose to receive the MenB vaccine, it can be administered at the same time as the MenACWY booster dose.

When discussing meningitis vaccines with adolescents and their parents, I encourage you to take the opportunity to recommend other age-appropriate vaccinations such as HPV.

If you have any questions about meningococcal vaccines or other vaccines, please contact the Georgia Immunization Program at 404-657-3158.

Thank you for all you are doing to help vaccinate Georgia children.

Sincerely,

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