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Subject: 2nd Vaccination Clinic: Save the Date(s) and continue to Stop the Swap

The second dose of the vaccine to protect against the Group B strain of meningitis will be offered on **Sunday April 12**, 2015 from 9am-6pm in Peterson. Anyone who received the first vaccine is eligible.

A much smaller clinic will be held (only for those students who will not be on campus on the 12th) on Wednesday April 15, 2015 from 10am-5pm.

More details will be provided closer to the clinic dates.

Further information about the vaccine and why you should be vaccinated is available at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/outbreaks/vaccine-serogroupb.html>.

In the meantime, please remember that our community is still at risk and we need to follow the Stop the Swap guidelines:

This bacterial infection is **spread through direct secretions from the nose or mouth through activities such as kissing; or sharing food, drinks, water bottles, toothbrushes, eating utensils, smoking materials, cosmetics, and lip balms.**

A person can be a carrier of meningitis without any symptoms.

While this is not an exhaustive list, the following precautions are recommended by the Department of Health:

Please don't share food, drinks, smoking materials, eating utensils, cosmetics or lip balm
Always cough into a sleeve or tissue
Wash your hands frequently
Use hand sanitizer often
Don't drink from a common source such as a punch bowl

Additional information about the vaccine and meningitis in general is available on our website: <http://www.providence.edu/health-center/meningitis/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you for your continued cooperation and vigilance.

Sincerely,

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