



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CITY OF CHICAGO

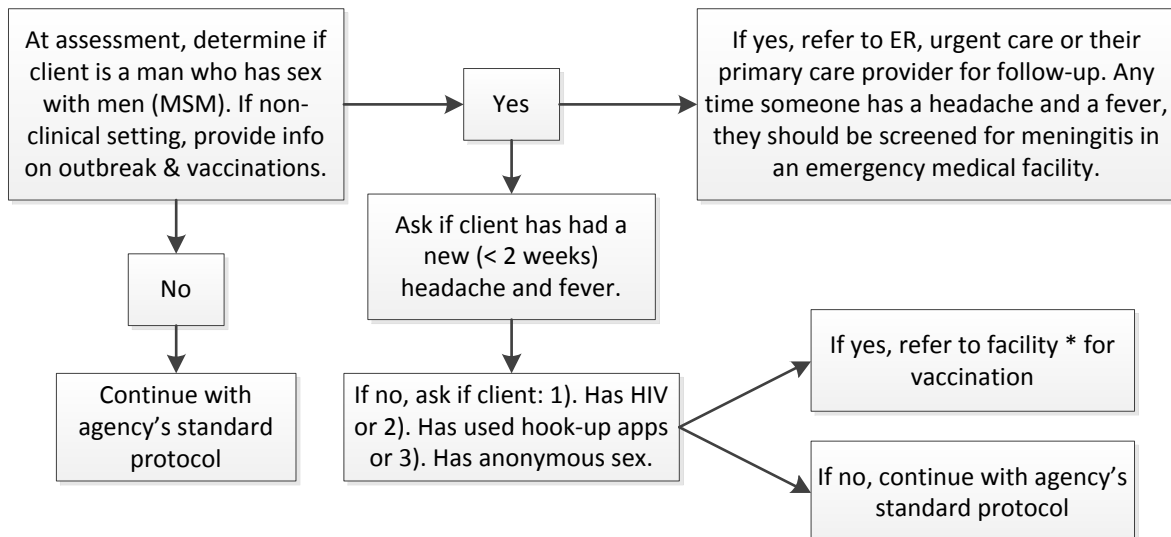
To: Ryan White Part A and MAI delegate agencies
From: Christopher Widmer, Director of Ryan White, Chicago Department of Public Health
Date: 6/16/15
Re: Meningitis outbreak and response

Since May 2015, six confirmed cases of invasive meningococcal disease (IMD) have occurred among men who have sex with men in the Chicago metropolitan area, one of them fatal. IMD is a rapidly progressive disease which may result in death within 48 hours of symptom onset. Among the 6 cases, African-American and HIV positive men have been disproportionately affected and several have used hook-up apps (Grindr, Jack'd, A4A, BBRT, etc.) The Chicago Department of Public Health is looking to spread the word of this outbreak among providers and trusted community resources for at-risk groups. The epidemiological profile of these cases is similar to that of the populations you serve a part of your HIV prevention activities- HIV positive men who have sex with men, MSM who use online hookup apps, MSM who have anonymous sex, anyone in the sexual networks of any of the above.

Note: This outbreak has been disproportionately impacting African American men who have sex with men, so prioritizing this population is recommended.

Given your expertise and routine contact with this population, we are asking that you please join us in reaching out to those potentially at risk, raise awareness about the IMD outbreak, and recommend vaccination. The vaccine is safe, effective and available at no cost at CDPH clinics and partner sites, where co-pays may apply (see list attached to this memo). Clients should be discouraged from intimate activities such as kissing and sexual contact with anonymous partners or sharing drinks or cigarettes, smoking devices or marijuana.

This is a potentially deadly disease but it is preventable. For non-medical partners, please follow the following protocol with all HIV-positive men who have sex with men and MSM who have anonymous sex or use on-line hook up applications to meet sexual partners:



NOTE: Cis- and transgender women who have frequent intimate contact with MSM who are HIV-positive, MSM engaging in anonymous sex, or MSM engaging in sex through hook up apps should be advised to obtain vaccination.

A critical component of the partnership between community and the Health Department is in spreading resources and information to the communities we represent. Please spread this information to your professional and personal communities specifically African American men on the south and west sides who have sex with men. We need to spread the word that this outbreak is happening, it is serious, and that it is preventable through vaccination.

Your outreach, education and referrals/linkage to vaccination can help prevent this disease. Thank you for your partnership.

* This is a growing list of vaccination venues. For the most up to date list of vaccination venues, please go to http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/infectious/meningococcal-vaccine-locations.html

Festivals & Special Sites			
Pride Festival at Center on Halsted	3656 N. Halsted Street	Saturday, June 20 th 12:30 – 5 pm Sunday, June 21 st 12:30 – 5 pm	
Jackson Park UIC COIP Mobile Van	6401 S. Stony Island Avenue	Saturday, June 20 th 3:30 – 7 pm Saturday, June 27 th 3:30 – 7 pm	
Pride Festival	Montrose Rocks	TBA	
CDPH Clinics			
Englewood Immunization Clinic	641 W. 63rd Street	312-745-1000	Th 9-4:30, F 8-3:30
Uptown Immunization Clinic	845 W. Wilson Avenue	312-742-3227	MWF 8:30-3:30, T TH 9-4:30
Partner Sites			
Howard Brown Health Center	4025 N. Sheridan Road	773-528-8314	M-Th Noon-7, F 9-4, Sat 9-2
Howard Brown Health Center	3245 N. Halsted Street	773-248-3160	By appointment
Mercy Family Health Center	2525 S. Michigan	773-567-2273	By appointment
The Night Ministry (The Crib)	835 W. Addison	773-549-4158	7 days, 9pm-9am
Provident Hospital	500 E. 51st Street (7th fl)	312-572-2900	By appointment
The Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center	2020 W. Harrison	312-572-4700	M-F 8:30am - 3:30pm
Walgreens			
11 E. 75th St.	773-224-1211	24 hours	
111 S. Halsted	312-463-9142	24 hours	
1333 W. Belmont	773-549-9485	M-F 9-7 Sat - Sun 9-5	
151 N. State	312-863-4249	M-F 8-8 Sat - Sun 9-5	
1554 E 55th St.	773-667-1177	24 hours	
1601 N Milwaukee	773-342-9161	M-F 9-9 Sat - Sun 9-5	
2835 N Sheffield	773-348-3574	M-Thurs 9-7 Friday 9-4 Sat Sun closed	
3046 N Halsted	773-325-0413	M-F 8-10 Sat - Sun 9-5	
3201 N Broadway	773-327-3591	24 hours	
3245 N Halsted	773-248-3160	M,W,Th, F 9-5 Tue 10-7 Sat Sun closed	
3401 W. Roosevelt	773-542-1232	24 hours	
3405 S King Drive	312-326-4058	24 hours	
3646 N Broadway	773-549-3808	M-F 8-10 Sat - Sun 9-5	
3800 W. Madison St.	773-826-1817	M- F 9-6 Sat Sun closed	
4025 N Sheridan	773-528-8314	Mon-Thurs 9-8 Fri 9-5 Sat 9-3	
5401 S Wentworth	773-268-5664	M-F 9-7 Sat - Sun 9-5	
5435 S. Kedzie	773-436-7396	24 hours	
7109 Jeffrey Ave	773-324-1880	24 hours	
711 W North Ave	312-944-0867	M.W.F 10-5 Tues Thurs 10-7 Sat Sun closed	
833 W 115th St	773-568-4034	M-F 8-10 Sat - Sun 9-5	
912 W Belmont	773-665-8990	M-F 9-6:30 Sat Sun closed	
953 W. Irving Park Rd	773-935-6414	M-F 8-10 Sat - Sun 9-5	

