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New Vaccine Products Available July 22, 2021

The Maine Vaccine Board voted to include two new vaccine products to the [approved list](#) of available vaccines supplied through the Maine Immunization Program (MIP). We are pleased to announce that both vaccines are now available to order to all enrolled VFC Providers.

The meningococcal quadrivalent conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) vaccine formulation, MenQuadfi™ (Sanofi), is approved for use in individuals 2 years of age and older. The vaccine is administered as a single 0.5 mL intramuscular dose. Starting at 2 years of age, MenQuadfi is interchangeable with the other MenACWY vaccines, Menveo® (GSK) and Menactra® (Sanofi). For individuals younger than 2 years of age, Menveo can be used starting at 2 months of age and Menactra can be used starting at 9 months of age. For more information on MenQuadfi, see the package insert [here](#).

Also available for ordering is VAXELIS™ (Sanofi and Merck), the new hexavalent vaccine indicated for protection against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, hepatitis B, and Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib). This is the first vaccine available in the U.S. which has a hepatitis B and Hib component in addition to DTaP and polio components. The vaccine is approved for use as a three-dose series in children from 6 weeks through 4 years of age (prior to the 5th birthday). The three-dose series consists of a 0.5 mL intramuscular injection administered at 2, 4 and 6 months of age. For more information on VAXELIS, see the package insert [here](#).

MIP will be hosting an educational lunch and learn on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 12:00 PM to provide guidance on the new vaccine products. MIP staff will be joined by the manufacturers of both vaccine products along with Dr. Amy Belisle, Maine's Chief Child Health Officer, and Dr. Lawrence Losey, Pediatrician with Mid Coast Pediatrics. The education will cover immunogenicity, safety, dosing, administration, and storage & handling. We encourage you to join us for this informative presentation.

Date: Friday July 30, 2021

Time: 12:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/92370855904?pwd=WTQ3S0tyVElSSkNFR3BzNmNHSpWZz09>

Meeting ID: 923 7085 5904

Passcode: vaccine

For questions on any immunization-related issue, please call (207) 287-3746 or email ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov. Thank you for all that you do to keep Maine children safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.