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SA Meningococcal B Herd Immunity Study

1st February, 2017

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

The University of Adelaide and SA Health will be conducting a Meningococcal B Vaccine Herd Immunity Study across the state during 2017 and 2018. Wirreanda Secondary School has decided to participate in this important study, which will involve students in Years 10, 11 and 12 during 2017. Parent and student consent is required for students to participate in this study.

Students will be vaccinated with the Meningococcal B vaccine Bexsero® (2 doses) free of charge. In addition, two throat swabs will be collected from participants over the two years.

Year 11 Students will receive their first dose on 22nd of May, 2017 and the second dose on the 7th of August, 2017.

In order for the program to be successful, and to provide clinical evidence into the effectiveness of the vaccine in the context of herd immunity, it is hoped that at least 80% of the state's students will participate (approximately 44,000 students). This study will have a global impact and will inform policy makers around the Meningococcal B Vaccine herd immunity benefits and how this can reduce the spread of the bacteria from person to person.

Further information is available via the Study Hub at: www.bpartofit.com.au or by contacting the City of Onkaparinga Immunisation Team on 8384 0666.

To participate, you must complete and return the consent card provided within the information pack.

Regards,

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