All staff and student email to be sent XXX

Meningitis last chance today for first vaccinations

Dear colleagues and students,

The Public Health England (PHE) programme to vaccinate all full-time undergraduate students in halls of residence against meningitis B is well underway this week, and we have seen more than 2,200 students visit the marquee on PATS field for their first vaccination. This represents more than 50% of the target group so far, with the marquee remaining open until 5pm today.

Any full time undergraduate students living in halls of residence who have not yet visited the marquee for their first vaccination should do so **by 5pm today**, even if they missed their allocated vaccination time earlier in the week.

Colleagues working with students today are also asked to encourage them to attend the vaccination session before 5pm today.

**Two vaccinations are needed**

PHE advises that two doses of the vaccine, given at least four weeks apart, are required for protection. The second round of vaccinations will take place from 6 to 8 June, and the full programme can be found on the [meningitis pages](http://www.surrey.ac.uk/meningitis).

**Thank you for your support**

For those students who have had their vaccination, we would like to thank you for taking the time to protect yourselves and the Surrey campus community. We understand the disruption this programme has caused and greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation this week.

We would like to thank all the staff and students who have gone above and beyond normal duty in the last few weeks to deliver such an extensive and speedy vaccination programme. There has been a huge amount of work required in very short timeframes from all areas of the University, and the high level of work will continue as we deliver the second round of vaccinations in June.

We are particularly grateful to the volunteers at [Meningitis Now](http://www.meningitisnow.org/) and the [Meningitis Research Foundation](http://www.meningitis.org/) who are available on the phone and in person to support staff and students throughout this period.

**Risk level**

The advice of PHE remains that all other students and staff are NOT at any greater risk from meningitis than the rest of the population. You can read more about the risk level and why this group is being vaccinated on the [meningitis pages](http://www.surrey.ac.uk/meningitis).

**Further information**

We will continue to update staff and students with any important developments, especially in the build-up to the second round of vaccinations in June.

Please also read the [meningitis pages](http://www.surrey.ac.uk/meningitis) which contain useful information for staff and students and, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our dedicated helpline - 0808 281 0260.