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Dear student wellbeing leads,

Re: Meningitis awareness for educational settings

You will be aware by now of the situation in Kent where a number of Meningitis B (MenB) cases have occurred and sadly two individuals have died. Public Health Wales have been liaising with UKHSA to ensure that appropriate guidance is provided to educational settings in Wales to assist you during this evolving situation.

Investigations have confirmed some of the cases visited **Club Chemistry in Canterbury** between 5 to 7 March 2026 prior to becoming unwell. UKHSA's Health Protection Team is working closely with the nightclub and partners including the **University of Kent** to limit the spread including use of preventative antibiotics for potential close contacts. UKHSA webpages give advice for those who have visited these settings during these dates.

Whilst there are no cases in Wales linked to this incident, it is important that individuals are aware of the signs and symptoms of Meningitis and Invasive Meningococcal Disease can rapidly progress from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Public Health Wales have developed some resources on Meningitis infection which students and staff may find useful to understand IMD and prevent onward transmission which are attached. This includes links to current vaccination recommendations in the UK which help protect against some strains of the disease.

Kind regards,

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