

Meningitis death tied to last year's NJ outbreak

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Federal health officials say a Philadelphia college student died of the same type of meningitis that caused an outbreak last year at Princeton University in New Jersey.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Drexel University student had been in close contact with Princeton students about a week before getting sick. She died March 10.

The CDC said Tuesday the findings suggest the B strain of meningitis might still exist in the Princeton community and are urging vigilance.

Nearly 90 percent of eligible Princeton students and staff received a vaccine for the B strain in the fall.

At Princeton, seven students and a visitor contracted [meningitis](#) in the [outbreak](#) through November. All recovered.

Health officials say there is no outbreak at Drexel.

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