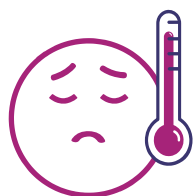


WHAT IS MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS?

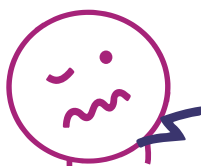
Meningococcal bacteria can cause a life-threatening bloodstream infection (sepsis) or meningitis (infection of the lining around the brain), or both.

It can attack without warning and SYMPTOMS

include:



HIGH FEVER



STIFF NECK



VOMITING



HEADACHE



EXHAUSTION



PURPLISH RASH

IT'S MORE COMMON THAN YOU THINK

Meningococcal meningitis can affect all ages, and can occur anywhere.

It is more common among those

16-23

because of how young people socialize

Meningitis B is more than

5X

more common in college students vs. non-college students

Meningitis B cases have been reported in

30+

college campuses between 2013-Oct. 2019

FEW ARE FULLY VACCINATED

against meningococcal meningitis.

49%

of 17-year-olds have NOT received the 2nd dose of the MenACWY vaccine

83%

of 17-year-olds have NOT received at least one dose of the MenB vaccine

The most common form of bacterial meningitis in adolescents and young adults.

MAINLY CAUSED BY:

5

types of meningococcal bacteria.

A-B-C-W-Y

IT IS EASY TO SPREAD

from person-to-person.



sharing anything that comes in contact with **SALIVA**



being in **CLOSE** quarters



being **SNEEZED** or coughed upon



KISSING



E-CIGS and **VAPES**

And the really scary part... it can kill in as little as 24 hours.

Or cause permanent complications: brain damage, hearing loss, learning disabilities or limb amputations.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

It takes **two** types of meningitis vaccines - MenACWY and MenB - to be fully vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis, but few people have received both vaccines.

Ask your healthcare provider today.

Get informed. MeningitisBActionProject.org



Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society. See meningitisbactionproject.org for details.



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