PROTECTING COLLEGE STUDENTS AGAINST BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE CAN CAUSE BACTEREMIA, SEPTICEMIA OR BACTERIAL MENINGITIS, THE MOST SERIOUS FORM OF MENINGITIS.

WITHIN HOURS, THE BACTERIA CAN BECOME DEADLY.¹

10%–14% OF CASES ARE FATAL
11%–19% OF SURVIVORS SUFFER PERMANENT DEBILITATIONS INCLUDING:
- HEARING LOSS
- BRAIN INJURY
- LOSS OF LIMBS
- OTHER SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS (such as reduced kidney function)

IT IS PASSED VIA CLOSE CONTACT.² COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND OTHER YOUNG ADULTS, ARE AMONG THOSE AT HIGHEST RISK.³

DORMITORIES
- KISSING OR COUGHING

LOCKER ROOMS

COLLEGE STUDENTS NEED TWO VACCINES FOR FULL PROTECTION⁴

ONE FOR SEROGROUPS A, C, W AND Y, KNOWN AS THE MCV4 VACCINE

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THE SECOND ONE FOR B, THE MORE COMMON SEROGROUP IN THE US, KNOWN AS THE MENB VACCINE

CURRENT COLLEGE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS MEAN MANY STUDENTS MAY NOT BE AWARE THEY NEED BOTH VACCINES TO BE PROTECTED.

37 STATES REQUIRE STUDENTS TO RECEIVE MCV4 FOR EITHER.⁵

- ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
- PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
- STUDENTS LIVING IN DORMITORIES

PARENTS AND STUDENTS LIVING IN THE OTHER 13 STATES MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THE RISKS AT ALL.

THE CDC RECOMMENDS VACCINATION AS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT COLLEGE STUDENTS AND OTHER YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE AT HIGHEST RISK FROM THE DISEASE.⁶

BOTH VACCINES ARE COVERED BY THE VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM AND MOST PRIVATE INSURANCE PLANS.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SHOULD EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT BOTH MCV4 AND MENB TO FULLY PROTECT THEM AGAINST THIS DEADLY DISEASE.