

WHAT IS MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS?

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



Meningococcal bacteria can cause a life-threatening bloodstream infection (sepsis) or meningitis (infection of the lining around the brain), or both. **It can kill in as little as 24 hours.** Or cause permanent complications: brain damage, hearing loss, learning disabilities or limb amputations.

IT CAN ATTACK WITHOUT WARNING. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

- High fever
- Vomiting
- Exhaustion
- Stiff neck
- Headache
- 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** years-old because of how young people socialize
- Meningitis B is **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

Only 51% of 17 year-olds have received the 2nd dose of the MenACWY vaccine

Only 17% of 17 year-olds have received at least one dose of the MenB vaccine

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
- Using e-cigs and vapes



2 It takes two types of meningitis vaccines — **MenACWY and MenB** — to be fully vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis.

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