

FACTS ABOUT

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Meningococcal disease, which includes meningococcal meningitis, is a rare, but potentially deadly, bacterial infection.¹

WHAT does it do?

Though rare, meningococcal disease can develop rapidly and claim a life in as little as one day.^{1,3}

Transmission (via saliva)⁴:



Kissing

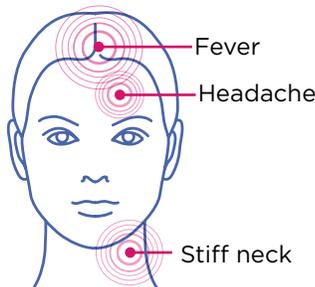


Coughing



Sharing drinks

Common Symptoms⁵:



Fever

Headache

Stiff neck

Complications^{6,7}:



Hearing loss



Brain and kidney damage



Limb amputations

WHO does it impact?

Anyone can get meningococcal disease, but teens are at increased risk.^{2,6} This may be due to common lifestyle factors or behaviors, such as living in close quarters and socializing in crowded settings.^{8,9}

10-15%

of those infected will die, even with treatment.⁶

1 in 5

survivors live with permanent disabilities.⁶

WHEN should teens get vaccinated?

Vaccination is the best defense against meningococcal disease.² The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends routine MenACWY vaccination for adolescents²:



11-12
YEARS OLD:

FIRST DOSE²



16
YEARS OLD:

SECOND DOSE²

WHY is this important?



of U.S. teens have missed the crucial second dose.¹⁰



of parents reported their kids missed vaccinations due to the COVID-19 pandemic (as of Sept. 2020).¹¹

WHERE can I find more information?



Talk to your teen's doctor about the second dose of the MenACWY vaccine and ask about the MenB vaccine.



Visit [The16Vaccine.org](https://www.the16vaccine.org) to learn more about meningitis prevention.

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