

THE 16 VACCINE

The 16 Vaccine is an educational initiative launched in 2018 by the National Meningitis Association (NMA), in collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur. It aims to educate parents about the CDC-recommended second dose of the meningococcal meningitis vaccine.



MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

is a rare, but potentially deadly, bacterial infection that can claim a life in as little as one day.^{1,2} Anyone can get this disease, but teens are at increased risk.^{3,4}



VACCINATION

is the best defense against meningococcal disease. The CDC recommends a first dose of the MenACWY vaccine at 11-12 years old and a second dose at 16 years old.

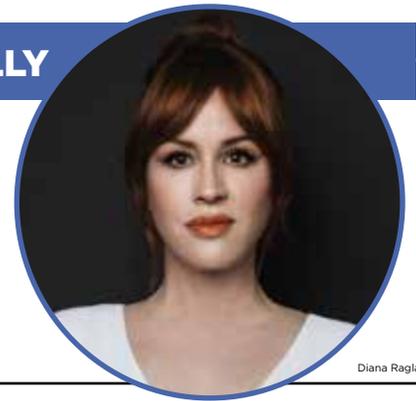


THE SECOND DOSE

of the MenACWY vaccine helps protect teens against meningococcal disease.³ Unfortunately, around half of U.S. teens missed this crucial second dose.⁵

TAKE YOUR SHOT AGAINST MENINGITIS WITH MOLLY

The 16 Vaccine has teamed up with **Molly Ringwald** - mom of three, award-winning actor, singer, writer and advocate for meningitis prevention. This year, we're taking the campaign "on the road" (virtually) to connect with parents and families across the country. Together, we hope to educate more parents about the potentially life-saving second dose of the MenACWY vaccine.³



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TAKE ACTION

- ! We urge parents to talk to their teen's doctor today about the CDC-recommended second dose of the MenACWY vaccine and also ask about the MenB vaccine and other adolescent vaccines.^{3,6}
- For older teens or young adults who missed the second dose, it's not too late.³

Check Out The16Vaccine.org

FACTS & FAQs

about meningococcal disease and prevention

REAL STORIES

from survivors and families who have been impacted

RESOURCES

to spread the word on social media (#The16Vaccine)

REMINDERS

to schedule the 16-year vaccine visit for teens

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