

WHAT IS MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE?

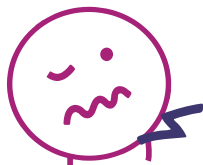
Meningococcal disease is one of the most common types of bacterial meningitis. It is a life-threatening bacterial infection that can affect the lining of the brain and spinal cord, or it can cause an infection in the bloodstream – or both.

It can attack without warning and
EARLY SYMPTOMS
can often be mistaken for the flu.

THEY INCLUDE:



HIGH FEVER



STIFF NECK



VOMITING



HEADACHE



EXHAUSTION



PURPLISH RASH

It's more common than you think

Meningococcal disease affects all ages, and it can occur anywhere.

It is more common among those

16-23

46+

college campuses have reported cases of meningococcal disease between 2013-March 2018

MenB accounts for nearly

50%

of all meningococcal disease cases among 17-22 year olds

MenB is responsible for

100%

of all meningococcal disease outbreaks on college campuses in the US since 2011

IT IS CAUSED BY

5

types of meningococcal bacteria.

ABCWY

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

And the really scary part... it can kill in a matter of hours.

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

WHY DOES THIS MATTER TO YOU?

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

Ask your doctor today about the Meningitis B vaccine.

Get involved.

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