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 (that may lead to sepsis) or meningitis (infection of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord) - or both.

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
- E-CIGS and VAPES

MAINLY CAUSED BY
5 types of meningococcal bacteria:
A B C W Y

Symptoms include:
- HIGH FEVER
- STIFF NECK
- HEADACHE
- EXHAUSTION
- VOMITING
- PURPLISH RASH

MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS CAN AFFECT ALL AGES, but adolescents and young adults are among the high-risk groups.

IT CAN BE DEADLY. It can kill in as little as 24 hours or cause permanent complications: brain damage, hearing loss, learning disabilities or limb amputations.

IT’S PREVENTABLE!
Get vaccinated against ALL 5 types of meningococcal bacteria most likely to cause meningococcal meningitis – ABCWY.
Start the conversation with your healthcare provider now.

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