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IS YOUR CHILD MISSING ANY OF THE VACCINES NEEDED TO HELP PREVENT MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS?

Make sure they are vaccinated against ALL 5 types of meningococcal bacteria most likely to cause meningococcal meningitis: A–B–C–W–Y.

You and your healthcare provider can choose from two options recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

**OPTION 1**
- MenACWY Vaccine

**OPTION 2**
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- MenB* Vaccine

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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

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MAINLY CAUSED BY
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