

Know the facts about meningitis in college.

What is meningitis?

Meningitis is a **serious disease** that can cause blood infection and swelling of the brain and spinal cord.

To ensure protection against **5 different types of meningococcal bacteria**, you need 2 different vaccines, serogroups A, C, W and Y and serogroup B. **Both vaccines are needed** for the best protection.



What causes it?

Meningitis is spread through **close contact - making it especially dangerous for college students living in dorms**. It's easily spread through coughing, kissing, sharing drinks and utensils, etc.

What are the symptoms?

- Headache
- High fever
- Stiff neck
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Purplish rash
- Confusion
- Exhaustion



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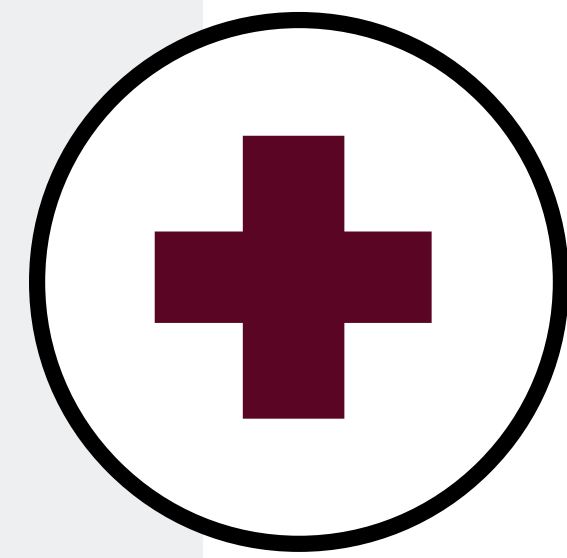
Did you know: In the past three years, students on more than 34 U.S. college campuses contracted meningitis.

How can I protect myself?

Get vaccinated! Get BOTH meningitis vaccines to fully protect yourself from this deadly disease.

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine: a routine recommendation for all children age 11-12 plus a booster dose at 16. The ACWY strains cause most cases of meningitis.

Meningococcal B vaccine (MenB): equally deadly, this immunization is recommended for students ages 16-23.



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Where can I find more information?

Contact your physician or school health center to learn more about where to get vaccinated to protect yourself against meningitis.

