

# 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.

## MAINLY CAUSED BY

**5** types of meningococcal bacteria:  
**A B C W Y**

### IT IS EASY TO SPREAD

from person-to-person.



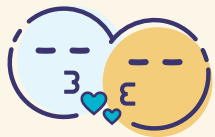
sharing anything that comes in contact with **SALIVA**



being in **CLOSE** quarters



being **SNEEZED** or coughed upon



**KISSING**



**E-CIGS** and **VAPES**

It can attack without warning and  
**SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:**



HIGH FEVER



STIFF NECK



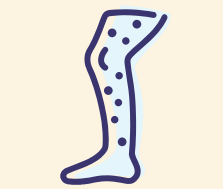
HEADACHE



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.

[MENINGITISPREVENTION.ORG](https://www.meningitisprevention.org)

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