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ATTENTION PARENTS!



**STOP
MENINGITIS**

**Adolescents and young adults
are at risk of getting a very
serious type of meningitis.**

Is someone in your family 11-18 years of age?
IF SO, ASK ABOUT IMMUNIZATION!

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FACTS ABOUT MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

- Adolescents and young adults are at increased risk for meningococcal disease and account for nearly 30% of cases in the U.S.
- Meningococcal disease is the most common type of bacterial meningitis in the U.S.
- Meningococcal disease is rare, but potentially deadly. Up to 2,800 Americans are infected every year and up to 10% infected will die.
- Up to 1 in 5 survivors have permanent disabilities including hearing loss, brain damage or limb amputations.
- The majority of meningococcal disease cases in adolescents and young adults are potentially vaccine-preventable.

ABOUT VACCINATION

Health officials recommend vaccination for all adolescents 11-18 years of age because they are at risk for contracting meningococcal meningitis.¹

¹Recommendations have been issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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