Meningococcal disease is one of the most common types of bacterial meningitis. It is a life-threatening bacterial infection that can affect the lining of the brain and spinal cord, or it can cause an infection in the bloodstream – or both.

It can attack without warning and EARLY SYMPTOMS can often be mistaken for the flu.

**TYPICAL SYMPTOMS:**
- High fever
- Stiff neck
- Vomiting
- Headache
- Exhaustion
- Purplish rash

**IT’S MORE COMMON THAN YOU THINK**
Meningococcal disease affects all ages, and it can occur anywhere.

- It is more common among those 16-23
- 46% of college campuses have reported cases of meningococcal disease between 2013-March 2018
- 50% of all meningococcal disease cases among 17-22 year olds
- 100% of all meningococcal disease outbreaks on college campuses in the US since 2011
- MenB accounts for nearly 50%
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And the really scary part... it can kill in a matter of hours. Or cause permanent complications: brain damage, hearing loss, learning disabilities or limb amputations.

**WHY DOES THIS MATTER TO YOU?**
It takes two types of meningitis vaccines - MenACWY and MenB - to be fully immunized against meningococcal disease, but few people have received both vaccines.

Ask your doctor today about the Meningitis B vaccine.

Get involved.
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**IT IS CAUSED BY**
5 types of meningococcal bacteria.
ABCWY

**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

**WHAT IS MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE?**