Test Your Meningococcal Vaccine Knowledge

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   b. 1 in 100
   c. 1 in 10
   d. 1 in 2

2. Human beings are the only reservoirs in which meningococcal bacteria can live.
   a. True
   b. False

3. About what percent of confirmed meningococcal disease cases are fatal?
   a. 1%
   b. 2%
   c. 5%
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4. At what age should a person get a meningococcal conjugate vaccination?
   a. 1-2 years old
   b. 11-12 years old
   c. 18-21 years old
   d. 21 years or older

5. What percent of Kansas adolescents currently have at least one of their meningitis vaccinations?
   a. 64%
   b. 75%
   c. 81%
   d. 88%

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   a. mononucleosis
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   b. Escherichia coli
   c. Salmonella typhi
   d. Listeria monocytogenes

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   b. Those traveling to different countries
   c. Those who are going into the military
   d. All of these groups are at higher risk

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    b. Menactra and Menveo
    c. Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23
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Check your answers on the back.
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    b. False – There are multiple brands, but they are not interchangeable. Talk with your health care provider to ensure you remain on the correct series.