

Test Your Meningococcal Vaccine Knowledge

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- c. 1 in 10
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- 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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- 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. 67%
- c. 70%
- d. 81%

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- a. True
- b. False

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- b. the flu
- c. foodborne illnesses
- d. chicken pox

8. **What is the bacteria that causes meningococcal disease?**

- a. *Neisseria meningitidis*
- 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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- a. True
- b. False

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- b. Menactra and Menveo
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- a. True
- 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.