

PROTECTING AGAINST BACTERIAL MENINGITIS



MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

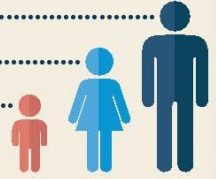
CAN CAUSE BACTEREMIA, SEPTICEMIA OR BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

THE MOST SERIOUS FORM OF MENINGITIS

WITHIN HOURS, THE BACTERIA CAN BECOME DEADLY.¹

YOUNG ADULTS 18+YRS
ADOLESCENTS 11-18YRS
CHILDREN 2MO-10YRS

PASSED VIA CLOSE CONTACT, CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS ARE AT HIGHEST RISK^{2,3}



- HEARING LOSS
- BRAIN INJURY
- LOSS OF LIMBS
- OTHER SERIOUS EFFECTS

CAN IT BE PREVENTED?⁵ WITH A VACCINE

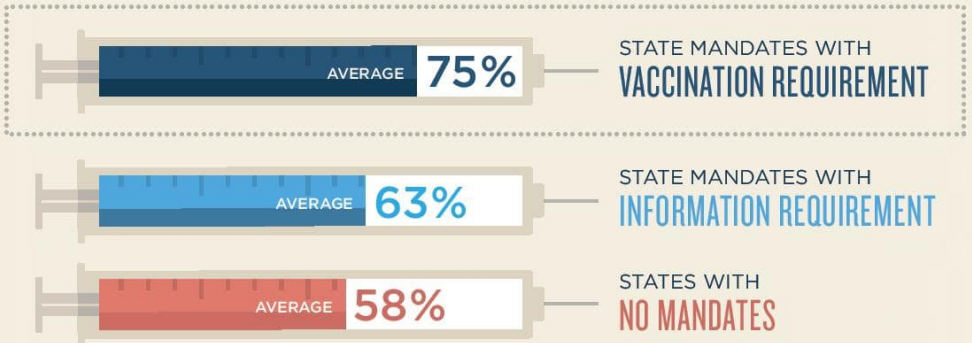
CAN IT BE TREATED?⁶ IF CAUGHT EARLY, ANTIBIOTICS MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE

THE RAPID SPREAD OF THE DISEASE CAN HINDER TREATMENT

— THE CDC RECOMMENDS —
A MENINGITIS VACCINE AS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT CHILDREN.⁷

STATES MANDATES ENSURE WIDESPREAD IMMUNIZATIONS FOR HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS

2011 MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE RATES IN 13-17 YEAR OLDS⁸



STATE MANDATES

CAN EFFECTIVELY PROTECT CHILDREN FROM MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE.

¹ <http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/symptoms.html>.
² <http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/risk-factors.html>.
³ <http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/causes-transmission.html>.
⁴ <http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/clinical-info.html>.
⁵ <http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/prevention.html>.
⁶ <http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/diagnosis-treatment.html>.

⁷ <http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/prevention.html>.
⁸ CDC MMWR (August 31, 2012). CDC/Immunization Action Coalition. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/laws/state-reqs.htm>. National Conference of State Legislatures. <http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=13960>. Putnam Associates