

Parents and Guardians:

Protect Your Teen from Meningococcal Disease



MenACWY – Required for School

To attend grades 7–12 in New York State, students **must** receive the meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine.

- 1st dose: Age 11–12 (before entering 7th grade)
- 2nd dose: On or after age 16

Without MenACWY, your child cannot start school.

MenACWY protects against 4 types of bacteria that cause serious infections of the brain and spinal cord.



MenB – Strongly Recommended for Full Protection

Many parents don't realize their healthy teens also need MenB for the best protection.

MenB guards against a different strain of meningococcal disease not covered by MenACWY.

Even healthy teens are at risk, especially those ages 16–20. Teens in college and group settings are most at risk.

Ask your child's health care provider about getting MenB today.



Why it Matters

Meningococcal disease can strike without warning and spread quickly.

- Early symptoms can mimic the flu
- 1 in 6 people who get it will die
- Up to 1 in 5 survivors live with permanent disability

Talk to your health care provider today.



health.ny.gov/meningococcal

Two vaccines. Two protections.



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