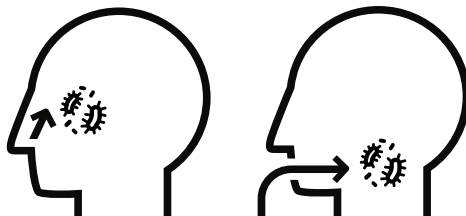


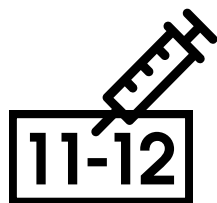
MENINGITIS FAST FACTS

6 facts about meningococcal disease and prevention.

- ① Anyone at any age can get meningococcal disease, but **teens and young adults are among those who are at increased risk.**
- ② Although rare, meningococcal disease can develop rapidly and can claim a life in as little as one day. Even with treatment, **10 to 15 percent of those who get the infection will die from it.**
- ③ Among those who survive, as many as 19 percent live with permanent disabilities, such as **brain damage, hearing loss, loss of kidney function or limb amputations.**
- ④ **Meningococcal disease is contagious.** The bacteria that cause the infection can spread when people have contact with someone's saliva, like through kissing, coughing, sharing beverages or even cosmetics.



- ⑤ Vaccination is the best defense against meningococcal disease, yet the majority of teens have missed **a critical dose of the MenACWY vaccine at age 16.** In fact, less than half of U.S. teens have received the recommended second vaccination.
- ⑥ For the best protection against meningococcal disease, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends routine MenACWY vaccination for adolescents starting at ages 11-12 years, **with a second dose at 16 years of age.**



FIRST DOSE



SECOND DOSE