Meningococcal vaccines help protect against the bacteria that cause meningococcal disease. Meningococcal vaccines are the best way to protect adolescents from getting meningococcal disease.

The two most common types of illnesses include infections of the:
- Lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis)
- Bloodstream

Even with treatment, about 10 to 15 out of 100 people with meningococcal disease will die from it.

All adolescents should get 2 doses of the meningococcal conjugate ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine.

They should get the first dose at ages 11-12 and a booster dose at 16 years old.

- 2 doses of MenACWY vaccine are required for school enrollment/entry.
- 2 doses of MenB vaccine are recommended after 16 years of age.

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Please talk with your child’s healthcare provider today about getting vaccinated against meningococcal disease. [https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/]