

Meningococcal B Vaccine

Why is the Meningitis B important for young adults?

Meningitis B strikes young adults between ages 16-25. It is transmitted in congregate settings such as dorms, large parties, bars, etc. Once infected it moves quickly and can be disabling or even fatal in 48 hours or less.



What vaccines does my young adult child need?

Most Virginia students received the Tdap, HPV, and Meningococcal ACWY vaccines between the age of 10-16. However, most students did not receive the Meningococcal B vaccine which protects them from a form of Meningitis often found in places like college campuses. If post high school plans include living and socializing with other groups of students or colleagues, consider a Meningitis B vaccine.

Where can my child get these vaccines?

Tdap, HPV, Meningococcal ACWY, and Meningococcal B vaccines are available through your child's primary care provider or commercial pharmacies. Your local health department offers these vaccines and we have extra clinics throughout the summer to meet your needs. The Meningococcal B vaccine can be given as a standalone vaccine or as a combination vaccine with Meningococcal ACWY.

For more information visit: [Meningococcal Vaccine Recommendations | Meningococcal | CDC](#)



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