

4. How you can catch Meningococcal Disease (meningitis)?

It is very contagious. It can spread from person to person by coughing and sneezing, kissing, sharing food and drink, or with young children when sharing toys that are frequently put into the mouth. The bacteria can be found in the nose and throat of many healthy infants, children and adults without causing illness.

5. Is the vaccine safe?

The vaccine is safe. It might cause minor side effects - tenderness, redness, or slight swelling where the needle went in. Allergic reactions such as trouble breathing, swelling of the face or mouth, a fever over 39°C, hives or rashes are rare, and should be reported to your local health unit or physician.

6. Who should not receive the vaccine?

Those who are sick with a fever or infection worse than a cold on the day the needle is to be given should wait until they feel better to receive the vaccine. Those who have had an allergic reaction to any components in the vaccine should not receive the shot.

7. What to do

Please sign the Meningococcal Conjugate C Immunization Consent Form and return it to the school.

Please keep the rest of this sheet for your information.
For more information, please contact:

**Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit
Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program
Telephone 352-7270 Ext. 2900**



For Nurse's Use Only

Vaccine: _____ **Dose:** _____

L / R Deltoid DATE : _____ **Time** _____ **Lot#** _____

Nurse's Signature _____

Client Record Continuation Notes

This information is collected under the Authority of sections 2 and 5 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act and Ont. Reg 585/94. Under the Health Cards and Numbers Control Act and Section 11 under the Immunization of Schools Pupils Act for the purpose of maintaining an immunization record for this student. For more information, contact the Freedom of Information Co-ordinator at your Public Health Division., Ministry of Health ©Queen's Printer for Ontario 1996 IMM08?Cat=2129478

MENINGITIS GROUP C IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. Why get vaccinated?

Meningococcal diseases are caused by the bacterium, *Neisseria meningitidis*. It can cause serious infection of the covering of the brain (meningitis) or blood infection (septicemia). People with meningococcal disease may have a fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes a red pin-point rash with bruising. The death rate in Ontario for this disease was very high (40%) in 2002 and 2003. Many colleges and universities are now requiring students to have the vaccination before attending their institution.

2. Is there a cure?

There are antibiotics that can treat meningococcal infections. However, even when the best antibiotics are given, under the best circumstances, meningitis can quickly kill or permanently injure adults and children.

3. There is prevention!

Meningitis can be prevented. The Ministry of Health has a voluntary vaccination program that helps to protect from the serious meningococcal group C disease. The vaccine provides good protection that lasts many years.

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Meningococcal Conjugate C Immunization Consent Form

Student's Name

Last _____ First _____ Sex M F

Birth Date (Year/Month/Day) _____

Health Card No. _____

School _____ Room _____

Do you have any allergies? No Yes

If YES, please list:

Have you ever had a reaction to a vaccine?

No Yes

If YES, please explain:

Have you already received Meningococcal Conjugate C vaccine?

No Yes

If, YES, please provide name of vaccine and date given

I have read or had explained to me this information about the vaccine. I have had the chance to ask questions, which were answered to my satisfaction.

I ask that the above named be vaccinated against Meningococcal C.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian/Student (please print) _____

Phone No. Home _____ Bus. _____

Unless cancelled, this request is valid for the time period needed to give the vaccine.