

Meningococcal Disease Information

Public health authorities recommend that teenagers and college-bound students be immunized against a potentially fatal bacterial infection called meningococcal disease, a type of meningitis.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical organizations recommend routine meningococcal immunization for adolescents during the preadolescent doctor's visit (11- to 12-year-olds), adolescents at high school entry (15-year-olds) if they have not previously been immunized, and for college freshmen living in dormitories.

To learn more about meningococcal disease, vaccine information, and public health resources visit the following web site: www.cdc.gov – This CDC website includes the CDC recommendations and information on the meningococcal vaccine.