

ABOUT THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MENINGITIS PREVENTION (ASMP)

Patti Wukovits and Alicia Stillman each lost their young, healthy daughters too soon to Meningitis B, a disease that is now preventable through vaccination. In 2012, high school senior Kimberly, 17, Patti’s daughter, died one week before her graduation. In 2013, college sophomore Emily, 19, Alicia’s daughter, died just 36 hours after her first symptoms. In 2014, to educate the public about meningococcal meningitis and meningitis vaccination, both mothers established foundations named after their daughters. Patti and Alicia have since joined forces to launch the American Society for Meningitis Prevention (ASMP) to make sure other families don’t needlessly suffer the same fate.

In the case of Kimberly and Emily, they didn’t have a chance to be fully vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis. *Today, you do.*

The goal of ASMP is to empower all people to take action to prevent meningococcal meningitis. Help us achieve a world without meningococcal meningitis.



EMILY STILLMAN
9/11/93 - 2/2/13

KIMBERLY COFFEY
8/4/94 - 6/15/12

“Our job as parents is to put children in the safest position possible. Meningococcal vaccines provide that safety.”

— Paul A. Offit, M.D., Director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and Professor of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

“In bringing together The Kimberly Coffey and Emily Stillman Foundations to combat Meningitis, we can have optimism that our young adults will know to request vaccines to protect more fully against meningococcal disease.”

— Karen Ernst, MA, Executive Director, Voices For Vaccines

“One meningitis vaccine is not enough to protect your child. Make sure your child receives all meningitis vaccines.”

— Mary Koslap-Petraco, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (ONP PNP-BC CPNP FAANP)

“As a mother and nurse, I value the educational efforts ASMP is undertaking to spread the word about the importance of getting protection from all meningococcal strains. Vaccination is the best way to protect children, no matter their age, from vaccine preventable diseases.”

— Melody Butler, BSN, RN, Founding Executive Director, Nurses Who Vaccinate

Want to get involved or learn more about ASMP?

CONTACT US

meningitisprevention.org
info@meningitisprevention.org



AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR
MENINGITIS
PREVENTION



YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR CHILD AGAINST MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS!

That’s something to smile about.

Meningococcal meningitis can be deadly. Make sure your child is not missing any of the vaccines needed to help prevent it. It could save your child’s life.






WHAT IS MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS?

The most common form of bacterial meningitis in adolescents and young adults.

MENINGOCOCCAL BACTERIA can cause a life-threatening bloodstream infection (that may lead to sepsis) or meningitis (infection of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord) - or both.

IT IS EASY TO SPREAD







from person-to-person.

-  sharing anything that comes in contact with **SALIVA**
-  being in **CLOSE** quarters
-  being **SNEEZED** or coughed upon
-  **KISSING**
-  **E-CIGS** and **VAPES**

MAINLY CAUSED BY

5 types of meningococcal bacteria:
A B C
W Y

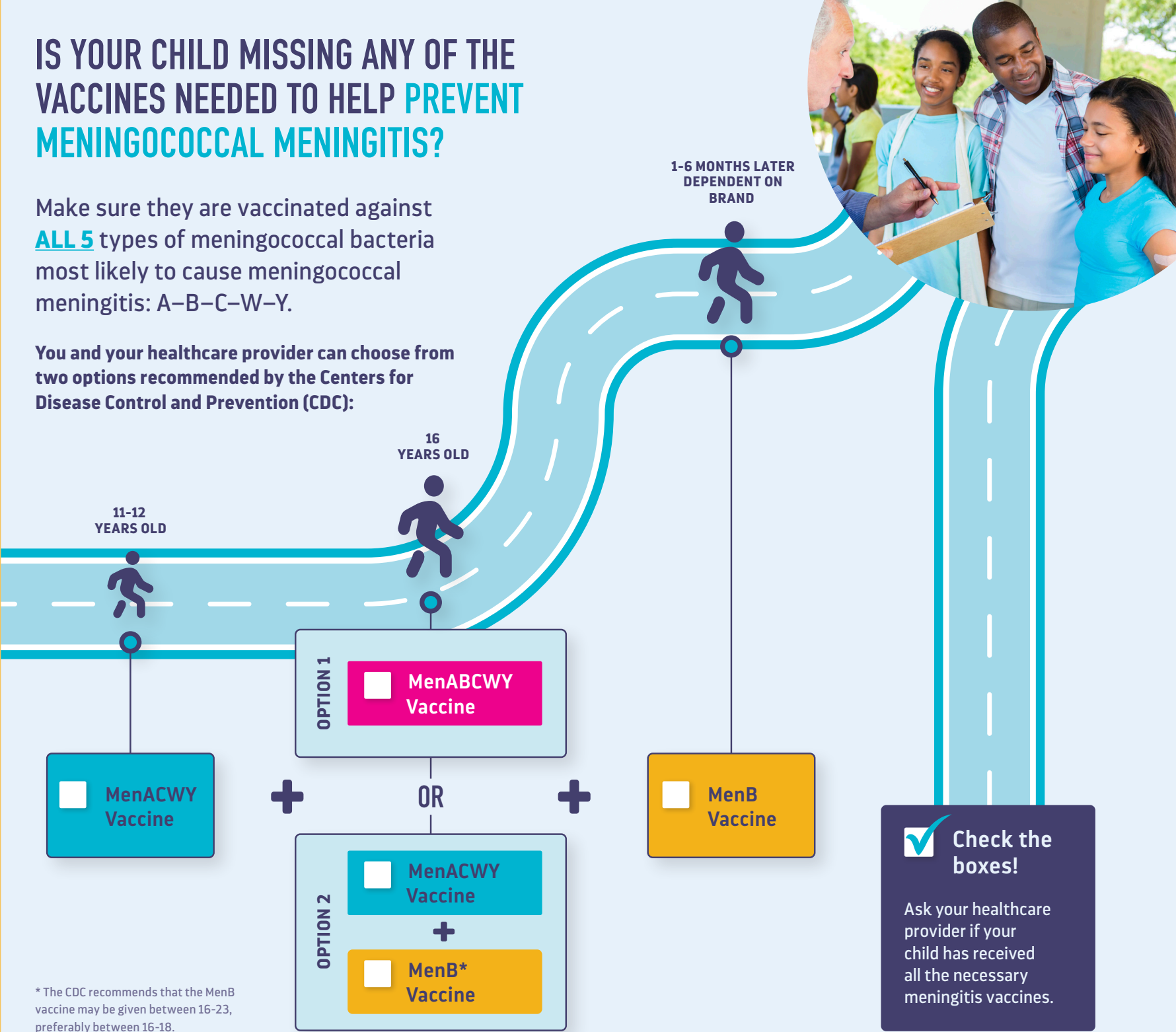
It can attack without warning and SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

-  **HIGH FEVER**
-  **STIFF NECK**
-  **HEADACHE**
-  **EXHAUSTION**
-  **VOMITING**
-  **PURPLISH RASH**

IS YOUR CHILD MISSING ANY OF THE VACCINES NEEDED TO HELP PREVENT MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS?

Make sure they are vaccinated against **ALL 5** types of meningococcal bacteria most likely to cause meningococcal meningitis: **A–B–C–W–Y**.

You and your healthcare provider can choose from two options recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):



* The CDC recommends that the MenB vaccine may be given between 16-23, preferably between 16-18.