



Vaccine Update 460 – World Meningitis Day

Join the Global Movement to Defeat Meningitis – One Catch-Up at a Time

Meningococcal disease can cause life-threatening meningitis. Fortunately, it is largely preventable through timely vaccination. This World Meningitis Day, WA Health is urging all immunisation providers to support increased protection for meningococcal disease.

At any given time, approximately 10 per cent of healthy people carry meningococcal bacteria in their nose or throat without symptoms. However, in rare cases, the bacteria can cause serious illness and even death. For this reason, it is important to ensure eligible cohorts are up-to-date with their MenACWY and MenB vaccinations. For eligibility, see the WA Immunisation Schedule. Refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook for further advice, including vaccine dosage and contraindications and other groups that are recommended to receive meningococcal vaccines.

Resources for Providers:

- Catch-up vaccination | The Australian Immunisation Handbook
- NCIRS – Meningococcal FAQ
- World Meningitis Day Toolkit – Logos, Banners & Messaging
- Commonwealth meningococcal vaccine website

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