


# Preventing Invasive Meningococcal Disease (IMD) - The Invisible Success of Public Health

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IMD is a devastating and  
unpredictable disease with  
increased risk in US adolescents

**10-15%** of IMD cases are fatal<sup>1,2</sup>

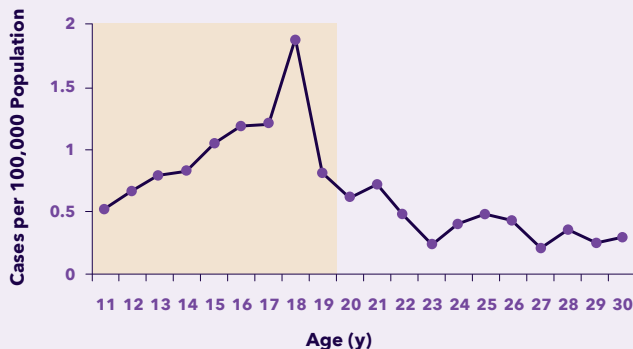
**20%** of survivors experience significant  
long-lasting sequelae<sup>2-4</sup>

Persistent risks due to outbreaks and  
increasing travel reinforce the need for  
routine vaccination of adolescents

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## Prior to routine vaccination in the US: 1991-2002

US rates of meningococcal disease (A, C, W, Y) in 11- to 30-year-olds\*<sup>1</sup>



**~1400-2800** IMD cases occurred each year<sup>1,5</sup>

**62%** of cases occurred in persons  $\geq 11$  years of age<sup>1,5,6</sup>

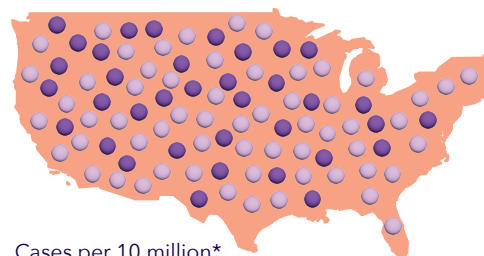
**75%** of IMD cases in adolescents were due to serogroups C, W, and Y<sup>1,5</sup>

## A successful vaccination program

Widespread use of MenACWY vaccine

Incidence of IMD by Serogroup ACWY

Pre-MenACWY vaccine (2000-2005)



● 16-22 years: 60  
● 11-15 years: 36

\*Markers represent national incidence, not locations of cases

From 2006 to 2017, after the introduction



**48%\***  
**77%†**

in persons  
aged 16-22 years

## Vaccination is essential to maintain success

CDC meningococcal vaccine recommendations for adolescents and young adults<sup>8</sup>



**Routine MenACWY vaccination** for preteens at 11 to 12 years of age with a booster dose at age 16 years



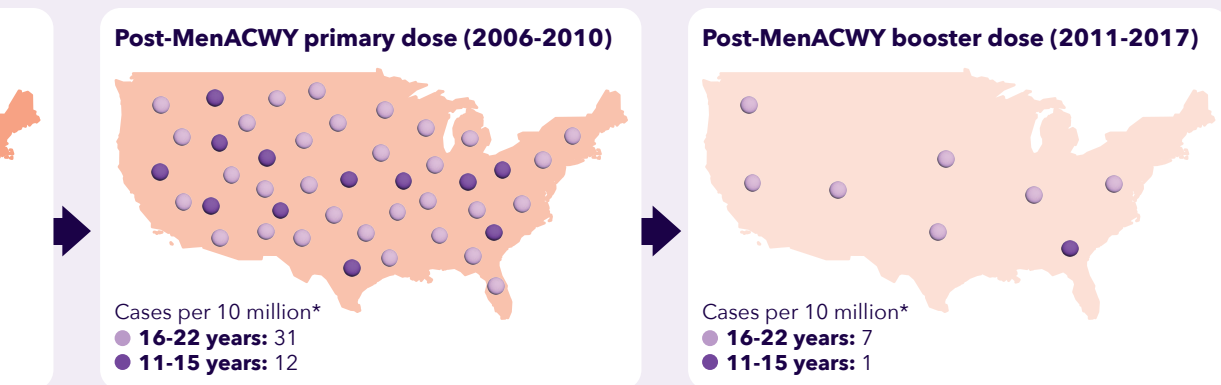
CDC recommends MenB vaccination for persons 16-23 years of age on the basis of **shared clinical decision-making**

For persons with underlying conditions or circumstances that put them at increased risk of IMD, CDC also recommends routine MenACWY vaccination for those  $\geq 2$  months of age and routine MenB vaccination for those 10 years or older

# Program contributed to decreased incidence of IMD in the US: 2000-2017

Vaccines contributed to decreased IMD rates<sup>7</sup>

MenACWY in US Adolescents and Young Adults (2000-2017)

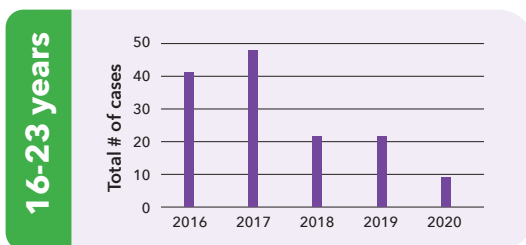
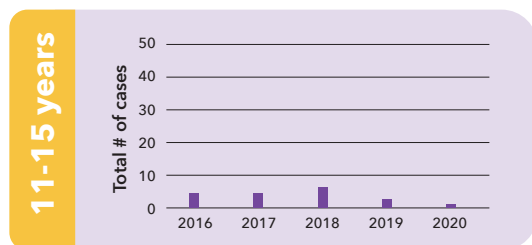


As a result of the MenACWY vaccination program, **rates of IMD declined in adolescents**



Arrows represent declines in IMD caused by serogroups C, W, and Y.  
\*Compared with pre-vaccine period (2000-2005). †Compared with post-primary dose period.

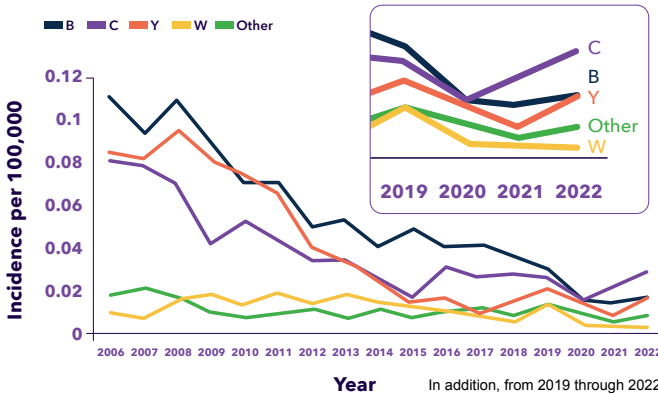
**IMD case # due to Serogroup B in adolescents/young adults in the US are low and stable<sup>9-13</sup>**



- Incidence of serogroup B IMD is relatively uncommon in young adolescents 11-14 years of age with only an average of 4 cases per year in the US<sup>8-12</sup>
- The continuing low number of serogroup B cases after widespread adoption of the MenACWY vaccine shows that serogroup replacement did not occur

## ! Recent IMD outbreaks reinforce the need for routine MenACWY primary vaccination

### US trends in meningococcal disease incidence by serogroup (2006-2022)<sup>†14</sup>



#### Large Serogroup C Outbreak<sup>‡</sup>

Florida  
(January 2022-present)

43 Serogroup C cases<sup>§</sup>

Median Age: 31

CFR: **21%**

#### Unusually Lethal Serogroup Y Outbreak

Throughout the US  
(June 2022-present)

11 Serogroup Y cases

Median Age: 39

CFR: **27%**

Year

In addition, from 2019 through 2022, ciprofloxacin- and penicillin-resistant serogroup Y cases have been reported

## ✈ Increasing global travel is an opportunity for infection

### Confirmed cases of IMD in 2020 in selected EU countries<sup>15</sup>

	2020
France	214
Spain	213
Italy	73
Portugal	34



European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. Surveillance Atlas of Infectious Diseases. Accessed July 12, 2023. <https://atlas.ecdc.europa.eu/public/index.aspx>

- The emergence of drug-resistant cases may make it harder to treat IMD, and makes it more important to vaccinate and reduce risk of disease
- Global interconnectedness due to travel means that an outbreak in an isolated location can quickly become an international threat<sup>16</sup>
- National recommendations for meningococcal vaccination vary in the E.U. with some countries without any routine meningococcal vaccination program<sup>17</sup>

<sup>†</sup>CDC, Active Bacterial Surveillance

<sup>‡</sup>2021 and 2022 data are preliminary.

<sup>§</sup>Data as of February 2023.

<sup>¶</sup>Serogroup C: 35% of affected persons living with HIV; homelessness reported in 5 cases 2021-2022

CFR, case fatality rate.

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