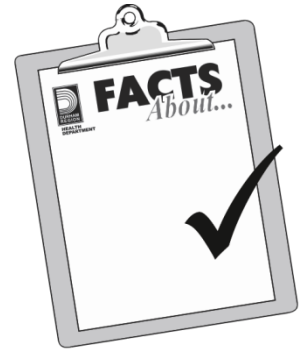




# FACTS *About...*



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## Meningococcal C Conjugate Vaccine (e.g., Menjugate®)

### What is it?

- Meningococcal C conjugate (Men-C-C) vaccine protects against the C strain of the bacteria that causes invasive meningococcal disease (IMD). IMD can cause swelling of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and/or a blood infection. IMD can lead to serious illness or in some cases death. For more information, see Facts About...Meningitis.
- Menjugate® and NeisVac-C® are Men-C-C vaccines that are approved for use in Canada.
- Men-C-C vaccines do not protect against other strains of meningococcal bacteria (A, B, Y and W135). There are other vaccines available in Canada to protect against these strains. Talk to your health care provider for more information.

### Who should receive the vaccine?

Men-C-C vaccine is part of the routine infant immunization schedule (given on or after the first birthday) and is publicly funded (free) for people who have not been immunized.

Under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*, one dose of Men-C-C vaccine is **required** for children attending child care in Ontario unless they have a valid exemption\*.

Under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, one dose of Men-C-C vaccine is **required** for children who are less than 12 years of age and attending school in Ontario unless they have a valid exemption\*.

### Are there side effects with the vaccine?

The most common reported side effects are:

- Redness, pain and swelling where the needle was given
- Headache
- Fussiness in children
- Fatigue

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Side effects are usually mild and last only a short time. A cold, wet compress applied to the injection site and/or acetaminophen can be used to help relieve pain, swelling, and/or mild fever after vaccination.

Severe allergic reactions after vaccination are very rare and may not be related to the vaccine. However, if you think a serious reaction is developing, seek medical attention right away. Any unusual or significant changes in your health or your child's health after the immunization should be reported to a health care provider and the Health Department.

### Who should NOT get the vaccine?

- People who have received a meningococcal conjugate vaccine within the past 4 weeks.
- If you have any medical conditions, discuss with a health care provider to determine if you should receive the vaccine.
- People who are sick with a high fever or serious infection worse than a cold should wait until they feel better.
- Anyone who has had an allergic or severe reaction to a previous dose of any vaccine (talk to your health care provider).
- Any component in a vaccine may be a potential allergen. The most common allergens for Men-C-C vaccines are:
  - Menjugate®: diphtheria CRM-197 toxoid carrier protein and latex
  - NeisVac-C®: tetanus toxoid carrier protein
- For more information on contents of vaccine refer to the [Canadian Immunization Guide, Evergreen Edition](#)

### Don't forget to update your record of protection

After you or your child receives a vaccine, update your immunization record (yellow card). For children in school or child care, please call the Health Department to update your child's immunization record. Keep immunization records in a safe place!

\*Parents must contact the Health Department if you object to immunization based on conscious or religious beliefs, or if your child cannot be immunized for medical reasons.

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