



Targeted regional WA MenW outbreak response – post vaccination advice

This post-vaccination advice sheet can be discussed with or provided to community members who receive a MenACWY vaccine under the Targeted Regional WA MenW Outbreak Response.

The meningococcal ACWY vaccine will provide protection from meningococcus strains A, C, W and Y.

Side effects

Meningococcal vaccines such as Menveo and Nimenrix are generally considered safe and well tolerated. However, all medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not.

Some common side effects of the MenW vaccines can be:

- pain and swelling at injection site
- headache
- nausea or stomach pains
- muscle or joint pain
- rash.

Rare side effects

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction which occurs suddenly, usually within 15 minutes, however anaphylaxis can occur within hours of vaccine administration. Early signs of anaphylaxis include: redness and/or itching of the skin, swelling (hives), breathing difficulties, persistent cough, hoarse voice and a sense of distress.

What you can do if you/your child has any side effects

Seek medical advice immediately.

If you/ your child experiences a severe reaction, attend the nearest Clinic, Emergency Department or call an ambulance (000). Advice by phone is available by calling *Healthdirect Australia*: 1800 022 222. (24 hours, 7 days a week service).

Any serious or unexpected adverse event (reaction) following vaccination (AEFI) should be reported to the Department of Health by:

- using the Western Australian Vaccination Safety Surveillance (WAVSS) system at www.wavss.health.wa.gov.au (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)
- or downloading and completing a WAVSS adverse reaction reporting form and returning by:
Post: Central Immunisation Clinic, PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre, WA 6849
Email: wavss@health.wa.gov.au
Fax: (08) 9426 9408 (24 hours, 7 days a week)
- or contacting the Central Immunisation Clinic (08) 9321 1312 (8.30am to 4:30pm).