



**KEEP CALM  
AND  
GET A FREE  
MENINGOCOCCAL W  
VACCINE**

# Free meningococcal W vaccine is available for 15 to 19 year olds

## What to do

- Schools are sending home meningococcal W vaccination consent forms.
- Please make sure the form is completed and signed.
- Return the form to school.



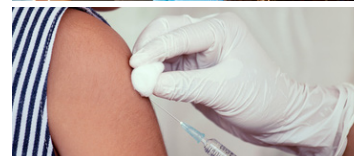
## The vaccine

- The vaccine protects against four types of meningococcal germs.
- Only one dose is needed.
- The vaccine is safe but can cause mild side effects like a sore arm and fever.



## Why get vaccinated?

- Meningococcal W disease can make you very sick or even cause death.
- Meningococcal W disease is caused by germs carried in the nose and throat. The germs can spread from person to person.
- In Tasmania everyone aged 15 to 19 years can get a free meningococcal W vaccine.
- If you cannot get the vaccination at school you can get it from your doctor.



### More information

[www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/menw](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/menw)

