

## VAX

### vaccinate your baby

- Needles are safe and the best way to protect your baby
- Just because your baby has had their needles doesn't mean they are fully protected. Needles only cover the most common strains. That's why it is important to know the symptoms!
- The needles listed in blue are extra ones that are only given to Indigenous babies like yours, who need them because they are more at risk

### Vaccination Schedule for Meningitis, Meningococcal and Pneumococcal

Age	Type of Vaccination
2 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib)</li><li>• Pneumococcal</li><li>• Meningococcal B - only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)</li></ul>
4 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib)</li><li>• Pneumococcal</li><li>• Meningococcal B - only ATSI children</li></ul>
6 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib)</li><li>• Pneumococcal</li><li>• Meningococcal B - only ATSI children</li></ul>
12 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meningococcal ACWY</li><li>• Pneumococcal</li><li>• Meningococcal B - only ATSI children</li></ul>
18 Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib)</li></ul>

*"You would rather get the injection now than have them in hospital waking up with limbs missing from the disease itself"*  
- Mrs Wallace from the APY region

*"Vaccinating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is of great importance"*  
- Dr Tanya Schramm, a Palawa woman

**Every  
Second  
Counts!**

For further information visit:  
**[www.meningitis.com.au](http://www.meningitis.com.au)**



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**Meningitis, Meningococcal  
and Pneumococcal  
Keeping Bubba Safe**

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ACTVAX**



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Hi. This is important  
information for your mob

**Meningitis, Meningococcal and  
Pneumococcal are VERY SERIOUS  
illnesses, especially for babies.**

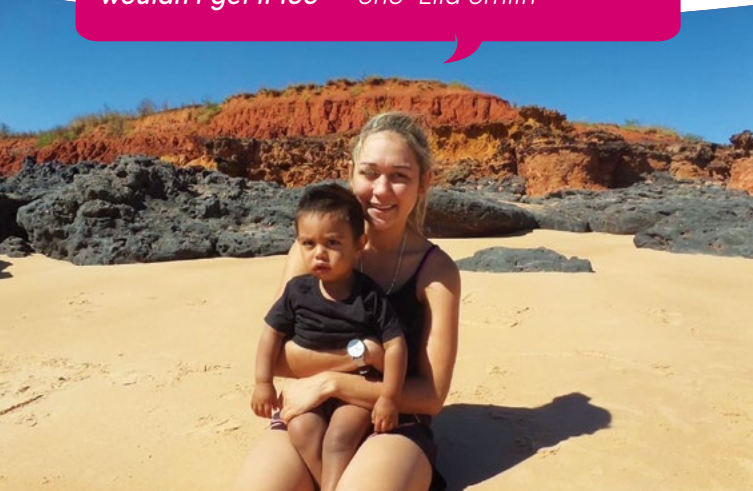


1 in 10 will die



1 in 5 survivors will  
have disabilities like  
brain damage, loss  
of arms or legs, or  
deafness

*"We've seen so many cases of meningococcal  
in town, I wanted to make sure my kids  
wouldn't get it too" - Sho-Ella Smith*



## KNOW the Symptoms - Danger!



High  
Temperature



Throwing Up



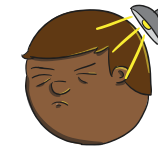
Sleepy



Blotchy  
Skin/Rash



Blank Eyes /  
Doesn't like being  
Touched



Light Hurts  
Eyes



Cold Hands  
and Feet



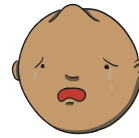
Sore Neck and  
Back Arching



Not Hungry



Hard to  
Breathe



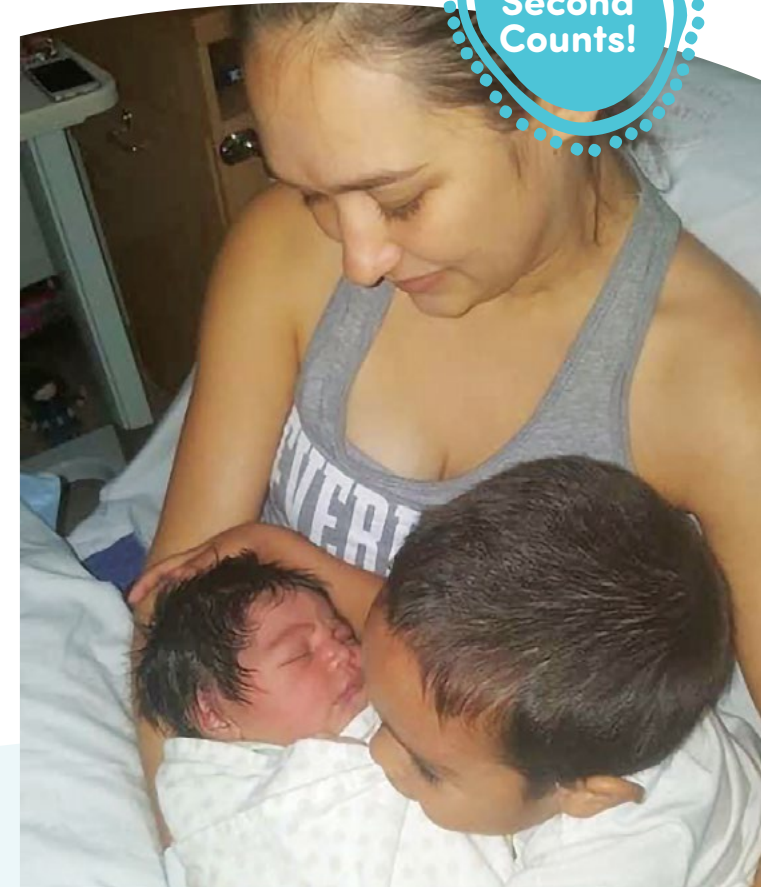
Loud Cry,  
Bump on Top of Head

- Meningitis can kill within 24 hours. The time between the first symptom and your baby being very sick may only be a few hours
- All babies will show different signs, so you need to know them all- check your fridge magnet!

## ACT immediately

- If your bubba has any of these symptoms, go to a doctor or hospital straight away
- **Ask the doctor- 'could it be Meningitis, Meningococcal or Pneumococcal?'**
- Don't wait for a rash to appear on bubba. It's the symptom most people know but some babies might not get it at all
- Trust your gut as a parent. You know your bubba better than anyone else. If you get sent home from the hospital but baby gets worse, go straight back

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**KEEP YOUR MOB SAFE**