

## 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>• <b>Meningococcal B - only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)</b></li> </ul> |
| 4 Months  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib)</li> <li>• Pneumococcal</li> <li>• <b>Meningococcal B - only ATSI children</b></li> </ul>                                |
| 6 Months  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib)</li> <li>• <b>Pneumococcal - only ATSI children</b></li> </ul>   |
| 12 Months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meningococcal ACWY</li> <li>• Pneumococcal</li> <li>• <b>Meningococcal B - only ATSI children</b></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!**



## Meningitis, Meningococcal and Pneumococcal Keeping Maawit (baby) Safe

**#KNOW  
ACTVAX**

For further information visit:  
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**Kaya. This is important information for your mob**

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

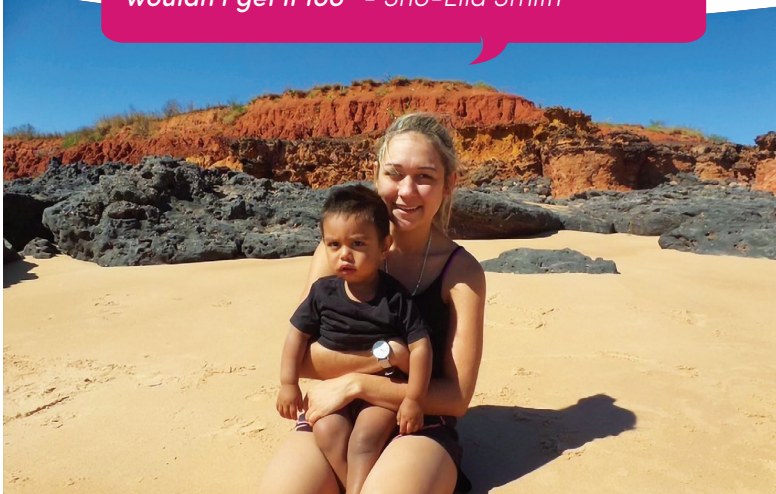


1 in 10 will die



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 - Balay!



High Temperature



Throwing Up



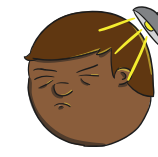
Sleepy



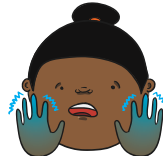
Blotchy Skin/Rash



Blank Eyes / Doesn't like being Touched



Light Hurts Eyes



Cold Hands and Feet



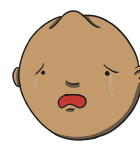
Sore Neck and Back Arching



Not Hungry



Hard to Breathe



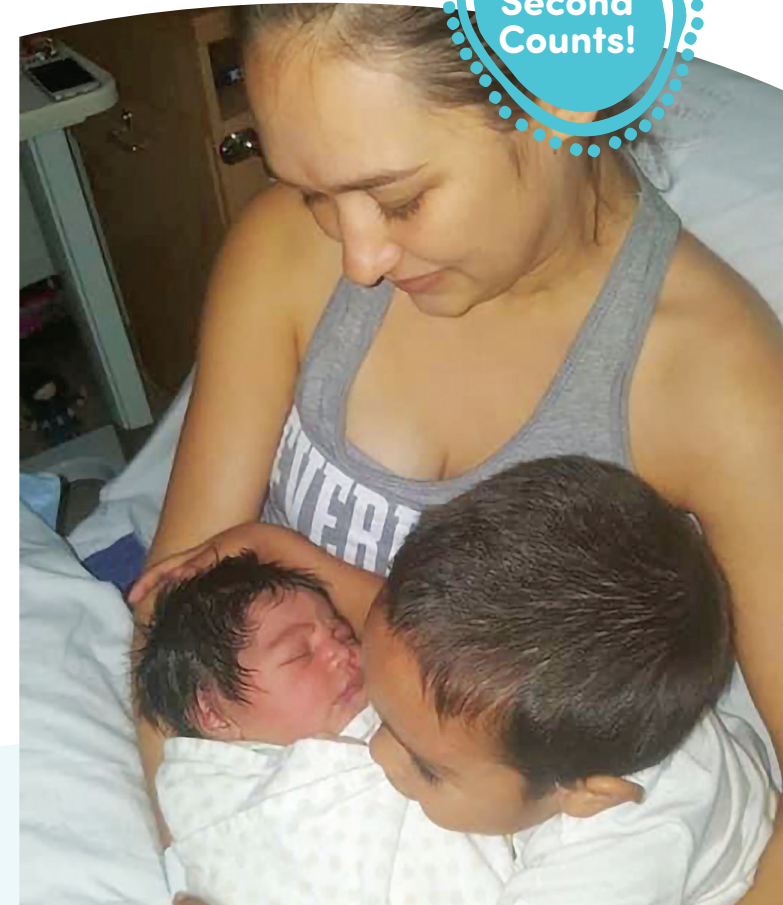
Loud Cry, Bump on Top of Head

- 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

**Every Second Counts!**



**KEEP YOUR MOB SAFE**