

- Coma
- Convulsions

### **Can the disease be treated?**

- Antibiotic treatment, if received early, can save lives and chances of recovery are increased. However, permanent disability or death can still occur.
- Vaccinations are available and should be considered for:
  - Those living in close quarters
  - College students 25 years old or younger
- Vaccinations are effective against 4 of the 5 most common bacterial types that cause 70% of the disease in the U.S. (but does not protect against all types of meningitis).
- Vaccinations take 7-10 days to become effective, with protection lasting 3-5 years.
- The cost of vaccine varies, so check with your health care provider.
- Vaccination is very safe—most common side effects are redness and minor pain at injection site for up to two days.
- Vaccination is available at your own health care provider.

### **How can I find out more information?**

- Contact your own health care provider.
- Contact your regional Texas Department of Health office at 903-595-3585.
- Contact web sites: [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo); [www.acha.org](http://www.acha.org)

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 Major & Minor  
 Current Class Schedule  
 Number of Hours Enrolled Current Semester  
 Classification  
 Marital Status  
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 Weight & Height of Members of Athletic Teams  
 Dates of Attendance  
 Degrees & Awards Received  
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