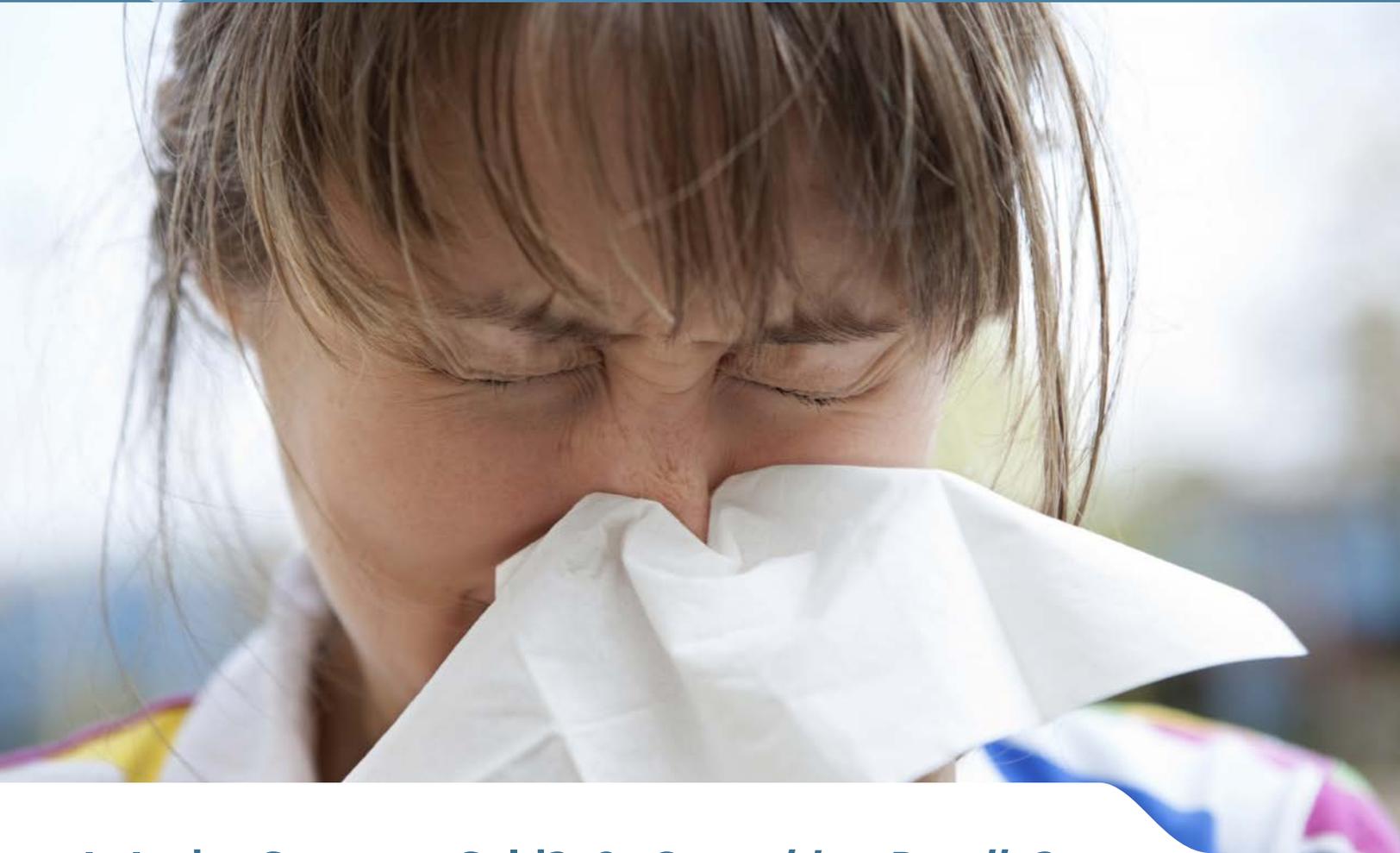


# Dead in a Day.



## Is It the Common Cold? *Or Something Deadly?*

Meningitis can turn from cold symptoms to death in just one day. A highly contagious disease, meningitis can be passed through social interaction like coughing, kissing or sharing a drink and utensils. Teens frequently encounter dense social settings like college dorms and schools where meningitis can spread quickly. Immediate diagnosis of meningitis is crucial to preventing permanent injury and death.

By vaccinating your child, you will protect them from some of the strains of the meningitis bacteria that can result in life-threatening and life-altering long-term effects. This safe and effective vaccine can prevent the spread of meningitis to your family.

Cost is not a barrier to vaccination. Children ages 18 and younger who don't have insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover vaccines are eligible to receive free vaccinations through participating Vaccines for Children Program providers or the county health department.

**Meningitis kills. Talk to your child's healthcare provider today about the meningococcal vaccine and safeguarding your child's shot record in Florida SHOTS, the statewide, online immunization registry.**



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