Meningococcal Disease is a rare, but very serious illness caused by a type of bacteria called Neisseria meningitis. Even if treated quickly, it can cause long-term problems or be deadly. Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent meningococcal disease.

What is Men B?
When someone has meningococcal meningitis, the tissue covering the brain and spinal cord becomes infected and swells. Symptoms of meningococcal meningitis include sudden onset of fever, headache, and stiff neck. There can be additional symptoms, such as:

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Confusion

Who Is At Risk?
- People ages 16 to 23, and people living in crowded settings such as college dorms
- Geographically diverse populations
- Social situations where there is crowding
- Social Smoking
- Sharing utensils or drinks, kissing

From 2013 to 2016, five college campuses experienced outbreaks of Meningitis B.

How Can I Protect Myself?
The only way to protect yourself against Meningococcal disease is by getting vaccinated. Purdue University Student Health Center has the 2 dose vaccine available by appointment. The cost is $171.51 and we will bill insurance.