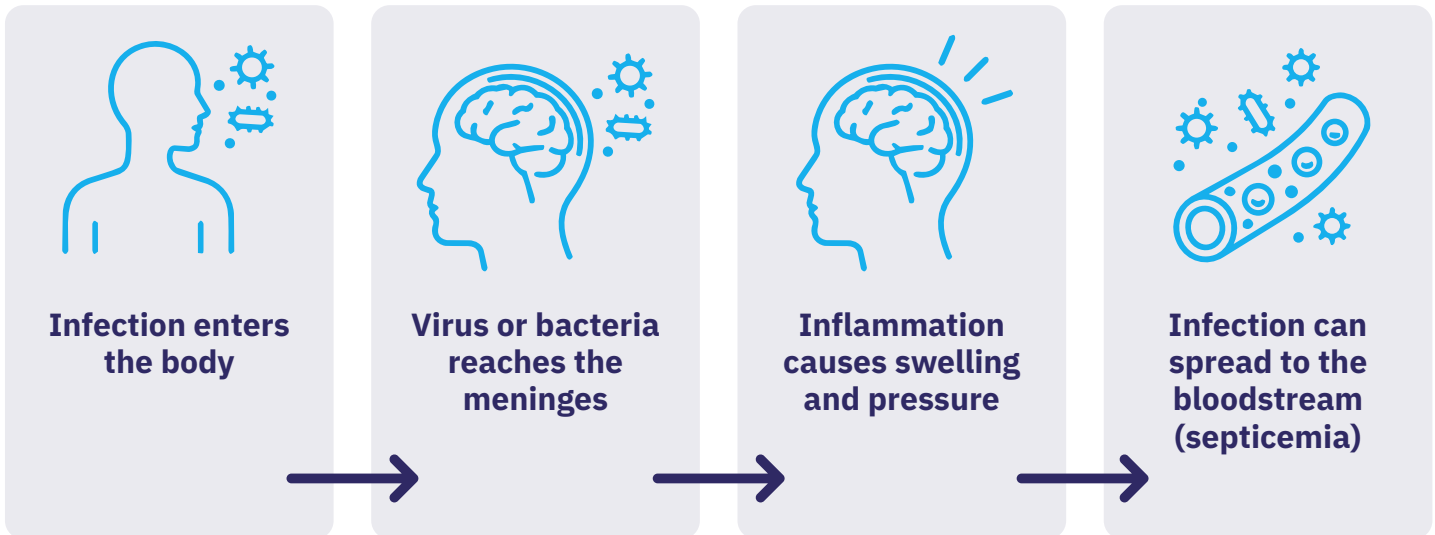


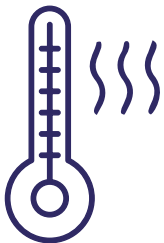
HOW MENINGITIS AFFECTS THE BODY

Meningitis is inflammation of the membranes (meninges) that surround the brain and spinal cord. It can also cause infection in the bloodstream.



How Symptoms Can Progress

HOURS 0–6



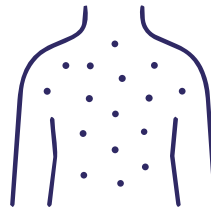
Flu-like symptoms, fever, headache

HOURS 6–12



Symptoms worsen, neck pain, vomiting, lethargy

HOURS 12–24



Rash may appear, confusion, trouble waking up

HOURS 24+



Can progress rapidly. Get medical help immediately.

What to Do

Early diagnosis and treatment can save lives and prevent life-changing complications.



Call your doctor or emergency services immediately.



Share all symptoms and when they started.



Close contacts may need prevention medication. Ask your doctor.