

Appendix 1. PHU checklist for meningococcal cases

Contact the patient's doctor to:

Obtain patient's history

Confirm results of relevant pathology tests

Contact the patient's care giver to:

Confirm onset date and symptoms of the illness

Recommend exclusions and restrictions

Identify contacts and obtain contact details

Complete *Meningococcal Disease Case Questionnaire Form*

Provide with *Meningococcal Disease Information Sheet*

Contact Australian Children Immunisation Register (ACIR) to:

Verify immunisation status

Confirm case:

Assess information against case definition

Contact patient's contacts to:

Assess risk of meningococcal disease

Determine current symptoms

Recommend antibiotics/vaccination or not

Explain symptoms and restrictions (child care)

Provide with *Meningococcal Disease Information Sheet*

Other issues:

For a death, report details to state/territory CDB

Assess and arrange best method for delivering intervention to contacts

Where defined groups of people have been exposed (e.g. schools, childcare), contact the person in charge to explain the situation and to provide letters to exposed people

Enter case data onto notifiable diseases database