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Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended that all college students, particularly freshmen living in dormitories, be educated about this disease and the benefits of vaccination. Preexposure vaccination will increase immunity to four strains of the meningococcus disease that cause 65 to 70 percent of this disease, and reduce the student's risk. I think we've talked about who is at risk, who should be...consider being vaccinated. The effectiveness of the vaccine, through studies also, has shown that the vaccine is 85 to 100 percent effective. Are there side effects? Very few. Those side effects primarily consist of redness and pain at the site of the injection that last up to a couple of days. The duration of the vaccination is approximately three to five years. And obviously, as with any immunization, any vaccine, there is not 100 percent protection. I feel strongly...and this came to my attention last year, obviously, as I was listening to public radio, and then as I was listening to other radio stations around the state, as they started doing public service announcements about this disease, and trying to alert parents and young people, who are just getting ready to start as freshman in our state colleges, to the risks of this disease and why they should be vaccinated. After I started expressing some interest, the president of the state immunization committee, which has been formed to try to gather evidence and try to gather information on the needs for all types of vaccinations in the state of Nebraska, who is a professor, a physician at University of Nebraska Med Center, and at Creighton Med School, came to me and started educating more about how tragic this disease can be when it strikes. In a matter of hours, once you contract this disease, you can be dead. Very difficult to treat. Even treatable, in survivors we see amputation of extremities, in particular fingers, hands, toes, feet, legs. Those are the good cases. The bad cases are, within hours you develop symptoms, cough, fever, and within hours you can be dead. I feel the way that we have drawn this legislation is not going to be punitive to anyone. It requires the university system, the college system, no matter where their student housing, to inform students in detail about the disease. At the same time that these students and their parents are educated and hopefully, hopefully, will see the risk and will become inoculated, they have the option not to. We're not forcing