What is Meningococcal Disease?
Meningococcal disease is a serious infection that can cause brain infection and/or blood infection, and can lead to death. Southern California is having an outbreak of meningococcal disease among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men.

How do you get it?
Meningococcal disease is caused by a bacteria that is transmitted from person-to-person through respiratory droplets (like saliva or spit) during face-to-face or prolonged contact, or by sharing utensils, drinks, or cigarettes.

What can I do to protect myself?
Get vaccinated. Orange County Health Care Agency recommends that all gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men get vaccinated for meningococcal disease.

Where can I get vaccinated?
In response to the recent outbreak of meningococcal disease, Orange County Health Care Agency is offering free vaccinations to all gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men. You can speak with your medical provider or obtain the vaccine at one of the following clinics at the address listed below:

Health Care Agency, 1725 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana
- If you only want the vaccine, go to the Immunization Clinic
  Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
  Closed 11:45 am - 12:45 pm
- If you need the vaccine and testing for STDs and/or HIV, go to the Testing Treatment and Care Clinic
  Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
  Tuesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

For more information, call (800) 564-8448 or visit: ochealthinfo.com/outbreak