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Meningococcal is a rare but often life-threatening disease found in children under five, older adolescents and young adults

Symptoms may appear

**1-10 days**

after being infected

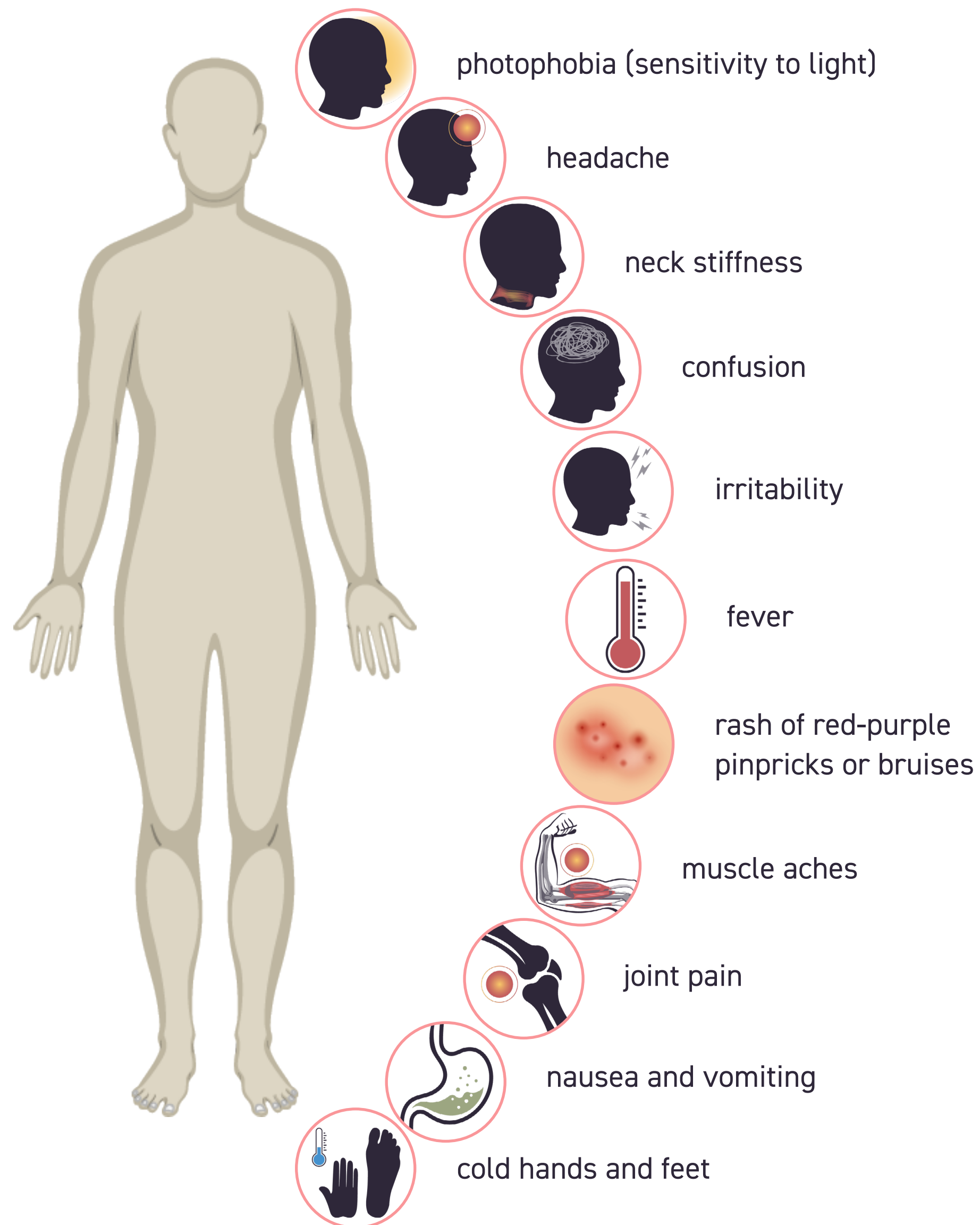
People with meningococcal disease can become extremely unwell very quickly

**1 in 5**

people may have lingering health problems

### CONDITIONS WHICH MAY DEVELOP

- Meningitis
- Septicaemia (blood infection)
- Arthritis
- Pneumonia
- Permanent brain damage
- Death in up to 10%



### HOW IT IS SPREAD

Infected secretions from the back of the nose & throat



COUGHING



SNEEZING



Regular, close, prolonged household or intimate contact

### MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINATION



Vaccines in Australia are recommended by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI).

It is recommended you speak to your GP about vaccination against Meningococcal B for children under the age of 5 years.

Immunisation is the best protection against meningococcal disease

Meningococcal B vaccine is funded for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 12 months and under, and people with asplenia and hyposplenia under the Federal government's National Immunisation Program (NIP).

[Find out more here](#)

Vaccination may be funded by state government programs.

South Australia and Queensland offer free Meningococcal B vaccination for certain groups.

[Learn more here](#)

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