bacterial meningitis (i.e., Hib, *S. pneumoniae*, and *Neisseria meningitidis*) as preventive vaccines to decrease the incidence of bacterial meningitis. Nurses should stress to the parents, children, adolescents, and young adults the importance of adhering to the immunization schedule to protect the child against serious childhood diseases.

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### Nursing Alert

A major priority of nursing care of a child suspected of having meningitis is to administer antibiotics as soon as they are ordered. The child is placed on respiratory isolation for at least 24 hours after initiation of antimicrobial therapy.