

Panel 1: Level of knowledge	
Knowledge parameters	Correct answer (measurement)
Concept of the meningitis epidemiological surveillance	On-going, systematic collection, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination of meningitis data for use in public health action to reduce morbidity and -mortality and to improve health
Objectives of the meningitis epidemiological surveillance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prompt detection and confirmation of meningitis outbreaks; 2. Use the data to plan control measures; 3. Assess and monitor the trend of the epidemic and the effectiveness of control measures; 4. Monitor the situation, including changes in serogroups throughout the year; 5. Perform periodic antibiotic susceptibility testing
Case definition of meningitis	<p><i>Suspected case:</i> A person with a sudden onset of fever and who has one of the following signs: hard neck, altered consciousness or any other meningeal signs.</p> <p><i>Confirmed case:</i> a suspected case that is confirmed by the isolation of the etiologic agent in CSF or blood.</p>
The need to notify a meningitis case	Provide information of the epidemiological profile of the disease.
Weekly and monthly notification deadlines defined by national level	<p>Health unit: every Friday and on the 3th of the following month</p> <p>Municipal health department: every Monday and on the 5th of the following month</p> <p>Provincial health department and national hospital: every Tuesday and until the 7th of the following month</p>