

HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention!



Protect your kids by getting them vaccinated



Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infects the skin and mucous membranes. It is the most commonly transmitted virus in the world.

*Thankfully, we have a **vaccine** that prevents 6 types of cancer!*

You can be infected without showing any signs or symptoms, so you may spread it unknowingly.

4 of 5
adults will be
infected in their
lifetime

HPV is linked to 33,000 cancer diagnoses in the US each year.

There is a vaccine to prevent HPV and the associated cancers

What is the vaccine?

- The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is **CANCER PREVENTION!**

Why do you need the vaccine?

- The HPV vaccine prevents 6 different cancers (mouth/throat, cervix, vulva, vagina, penis, and anus.)
- The HPV vaccine prevents most genital warts
- The HPV vaccine is safe and effective, with no long-term side-effects.

Who should be vaccinated?

- **All kids** (boys and girls) starting at **age 9**



When should you vaccinate?

Prime time Age 9-12
2 doses
6-12 mo apart

Late Age 13-14
2 doses
6-12 mo apart

Critical Age 15-26
3 doses
1st dose, then
2nd dose 1-2 mo later
3rd dose 6 mo after 1st



Benefits of HPV vaccination far outweigh any potential risk of side effects.

Side effects can occur after *any* vaccine:

- pain, redness, or swelling where the shot was given
- dizziness or fainting
- nausea
- headache
- fatigue
- muscle or joint pain

