

CANCER
PREVENTION
STARTS WITH:

3 DOSES
OVER 6 MONTHS

The HPV vaccine is a series of three shots given over a six-month period. The recommended immunization schedule is:

ROUTINE AND CATCH-UP VACCINATION

Administer the second dose 1 to 2 months after the first dose (minimum interval of 4 weeks), administer the third dose 24 weeks after the first dose and 16 weeks after the second dose (minimum interval of 12 weeks).

Common, mild adverse events reported during studies are similar to those reported for other adolescent vaccines: mild pain in the right arm where the shot was given, or some fever, nausea, or dizziness.

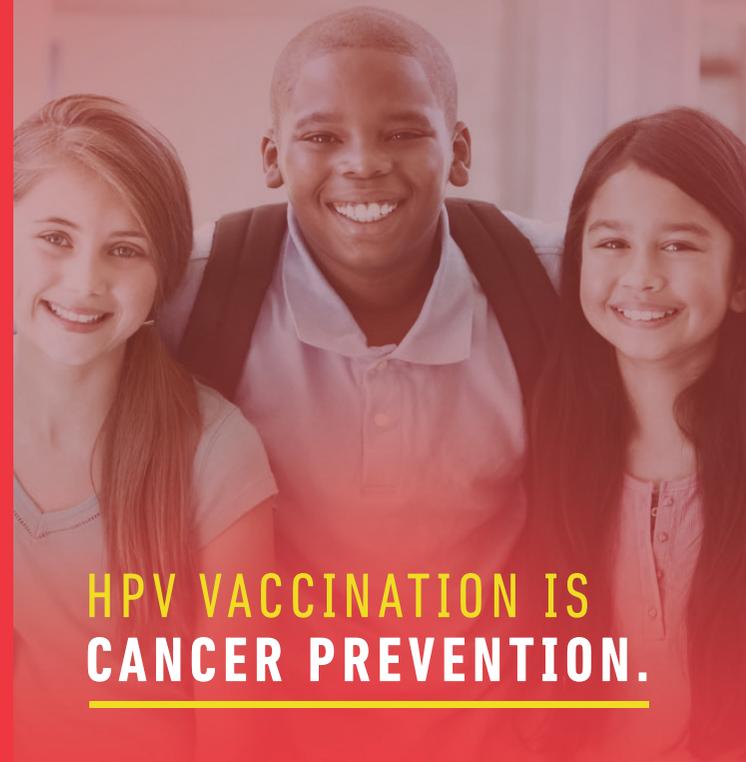
Healthcare professionals will have your preteen or teen stay sitting or lying down for 15 minutes after the shot is given.

For more information, contact your healthcare provider and visit

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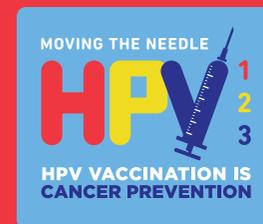
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**HPV VACCINATION IS
CANCER PREVENTION.**

Get your child vaccinated today.
You can reduce your son or
daughter's risk of HPV-related
cancers by up to 99%.



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WHY DOES MY CHILD NEED THE HPV VACCINE?

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a very common virus in the United States that is spread through intimate genital contact. Almost everyone will acquire HPV at some point in their lives.

Most HPV infections will go away, but some do not. The vaccine protects against the HPV strains that cause genital warts and some cancers. HPV affects both males and females.

HPV-RELATED CANCERS MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Anal
- Cervical
- Oropharyngeal (cancer in the back of the throat, including the base of the tongue and tonsils)
- Penile
- Vaginal
- Vulvar

AT WHAT AGE SHOULD MY CHILD GET THE HPV VACCINE?

The American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice recommends the vaccine for all girls and boys when they are 11 or 12 years old, so they have time to develop an immune response well before they engage in intimate genital contact with another person.

If your child is older than 12 and hasn't received the vaccine, it's not too late. The vaccine is recommended for females up to age 26 and males up to age 21.

IS THE VACCINE SAFE?

The HPV vaccine has been studied in tens of thousands of people and is shown to be safe. As of June 2014, more than 57 million doses have been distributed in the U.S., and the CDC, which monitors vaccine safety, reports no serious safety concerns.

HOW DO I GET THE VACCINE?

The next time you have an appointment with your child's physician, ask about getting the HPV vaccine, or contact your physician to schedule a vaccine appointment today.

HOW MUCH DOES THE VACCINE COST?

Most major insurance providers cover the full cost of the vaccine, but you should call for a detailed explanation of your coverage.

If you do not have private insurance, your child may be covered under the federally-funded Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Children through 18 years of age must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Medicaid eligible
- Uninsured
- Underinsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native

To find a VFC-enrolled provider near you, call: 1 877 PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258)

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