

# What you should know about the HPV VACCINE

## HPV AT A GLANCE

"HPV" stands for human papilloma-virus.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States.

Although HPV is treatable, there is no cure for HPV.

HPV is so common that nearly all sexually active people get it at some point in their lives.

There are many types of HPV. Some can cause genital warts while others may cause cervical, vaginal, throat, penile, or anal cancers.

HPV is the leading cause of cervical cancer.



Since the HPV vaccine was introduced in 2006, cases of HPV have dropped by **56%** among vaccinated teens.

## MYTHS & FACTS

Is the HPV vaccine just for girls?

The HPV vaccine is for all genders!

Will having the vaccine encourage my kid to have sex?

The HPV vaccine is not shown to increase sexual activity.

Will my insurance refuse to pay for the HPV vaccine?

Health insurance plans cover the cost of HPV vaccine injections!

## WHAT TO EXPECT

GETTING VACCINATED IS THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT HPV-RELATED DISEASE.

All young people should begin receiving the HPV vaccine at **9-11** years old.

2-3 doses

6-12 months

15+ y/o

Two doses of HPV vaccine are recommended for most people under age 15.

The second dose should be given 6-12 months after the first dose.

Three doses are recommended for those who start their series after age 15.

**PROTECT YOURSELF**

Call your doctor or local health department today.

**UNINSURED?**

Ask about the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

**TO LEARN MORE, VISIT**

[CDC.gov/HPV](http://CDC.gov/HPV)

[Vaccines.gov/Diseases/HPV](http://Vaccines.gov/Diseases/HPV)

[HPVvaccine.org.au/the-HPV-vaccine](http://HPVvaccine.org.au/the-HPV-vaccine)

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