

HPV Vaccine: It's **Cancer Prevention**

WHAT? The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine helps prevent cancer.

WHO? All youth can get the vaccine starting at age 9.

WHEN?

- At ages 9-14, you only need two doses. Experts recommend getting the HPV vaccine at age 9 because it's most effective when received between ages 9-12.
- At ages 15-26, you'll need an extra dose to get caught up.

WHY?

- The HPV vaccine helps protect against more than 90% of cancers caused by HPV including cancers of the mouth, throat and genitals.
- The HPV vaccine helps protect against almost all cases of genital warts.
- The HPV vaccine was approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration in 2006 and has been given for more than 15 years with no long-term negative side effects.

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