



You can protect your child from cancer. The HPV vaccine is cancer prevention

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common virus that spreads skin-to-skin. By vaccinating your child when they're young, you can prevent them from getting an HPV-related cancer of the head, neck, cervix or penis in the future.

- The HPV vaccine is most effective when given between ages 9 and 13, before children are exposed to the HPV virus.
- HPV is so common, 85% of people will be infected in their lifetime.
- HPV usually has no symptoms, so most people don't know they have it until it causes health problems.

The HPV vaccine is nearly 100% effective at preventing HPV-related infection, which can lead to cancer.

HPV vaccination prevents these cancers annually:

14,800
cases

Head & Neck

11,400
cases

Genital

10,800
cases

Cervical

Get the facts:

Why does my child need the HPV vaccine?

HPV is extremely common. Both males and females can get HPV and the cancers it causes, including cancer of the head, neck, cervix and penis. By vaccinating your child now, you can protect them from getting these cancers in the future.

Is HPV vaccination safe?

More than 270 million HPV vaccine doses have been distributed worldwide. HPV vaccine safety is constantly monitored, and studies continue to show that HPV vaccination is extremely safe.

Does HPV vaccination cause fertility issues?

There is no evidence that HPV vaccination causes fertility or reproductive problems, but getting vaccinated protects against cervical and penile cancers which impacts fertility.

If my child isn't sexually active, why do they need an HPV vaccine?

For a vaccine to be effective, a person needs to receive it before they are exposed to an infection, so children need to be vaccinated against HPV infection before they are exposed. Even if your child limits or delays sexual activity, they could still be exposed if their partner has been exposed.

Scan for common questions and to learn more about HPV vaccination.
All data sources can be found on the website.

