

# Monthly Update – September 2017

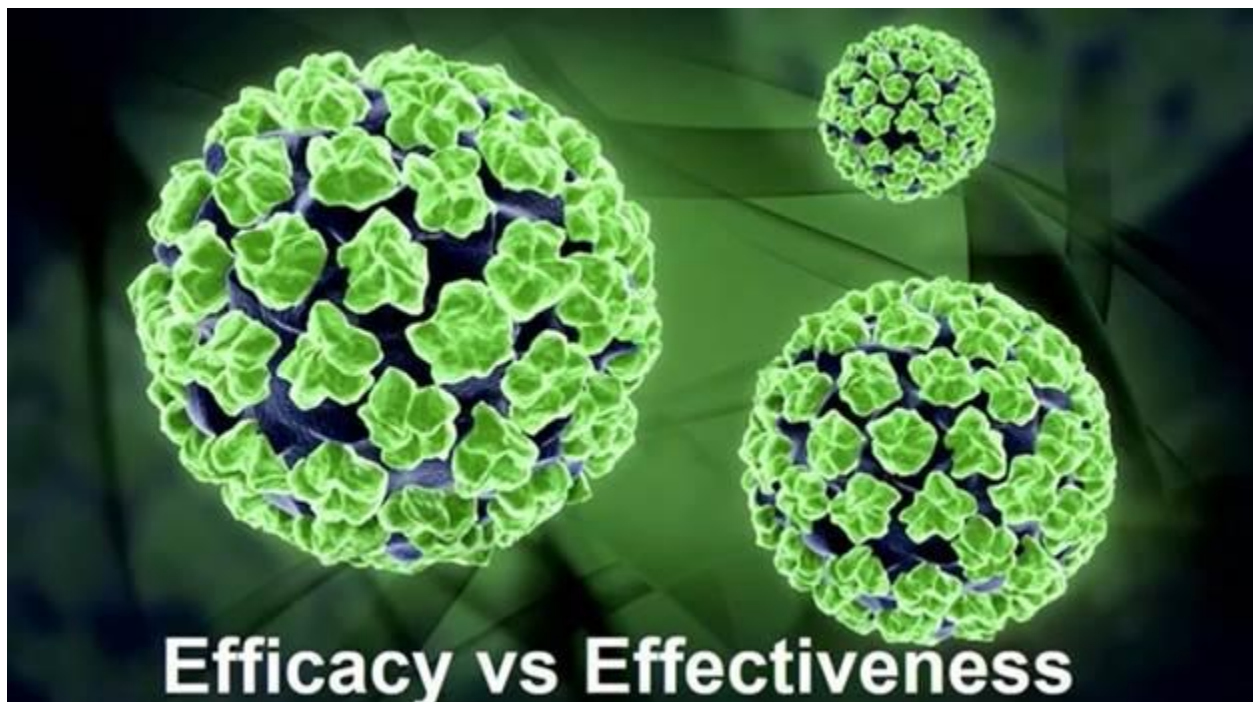
Dear Friends,

In August 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released the [2017 NIS-Teen](#) data on adolescent vaccination rates. While 6 out of 10 boys and girls get the first dose of HPV vaccine, many are not completing the recommended series. Recent changes to [HPV vaccine recommendations](#) mean preventing HPV cancers is easier now than ever before. The American Cancer Society, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Physicians, and CDC, among many others, recommend 11-12 year-olds receive two doses of HPV vaccine to prevent HPV-related cancers.



Now is the time for parents to protect their children against HPV cancers. If you are a parent or know parents with 11-12 year old children, I encourage you to join our Facebook group, [HPV Cancer Free FAMILY](#). The group is an engaged online community where you can find answers to your HPV vaccine questions, as well as encouragement and support from HPV experts.

Healthcare professionals (HCPs) have an important role to play. A strong and consistent HPV vaccine recommendation is the number one predictor that parents will protect their children from HPV-related cancers. This video explains why it is so important for boys and girls to get vaccinated before their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday:



To help and encourage HCPs to make strong HPV vaccine recommendations, the HPV Roundtable has created a [continuing medical education module](#) in which HCPs can hear what national experts, including perspectives of a pediatrician, an obstetrician- gynecologist, and a head and neck surgeon, are saying to their patients about HPV vaccines.

**Parents and healthcare professionals must protect the children they care for against HPV cancers.** Every year that adolescents aren't vaccinated is another year they are left unprotected from cancer-causing infections.

Sincerely,

Debbie Saslow, PhD  
Vice-Chair, National HPV Vaccination Roundtable

### **\*Hot Shots\***

#### **AAFP News guest editorial by Dr. Margot Savoy highlights wealth of resources to help boost immunization rates**



Margot Savoy, MD, MPH, medical director of the Christiana Care Health System Department of Family and Community Medicine and liaison to CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, has written a guest editorial for the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) website titled [Wealth of Resources Available to Help Boost Vaccination Rates](#). Dr. Savoy describes many resources for boosting vaccination rates, including those available through the AAFP, CDC, and IAC. She also highlights several online resources that support family doctors in having positive conversations around immunization with their patients.



#### **AAP Voices guest blog by Dr. Kristin Oliver describes actions pediatricians can take to educate patients and colleagues about HPV-related risks**

The AAP recently published a post on its official blog, AAP Voices, on HPV written by Kristin Oliver, MD, MHS, FAAP who is actively involved in both the AAP

and ACS cooperative agreements. The post titled, [Help Families Understand HPV's Real Risks](#), describes several actions pediatricians can take to get the teens in their practice fully vaccinated, including: educate patients, families, friends, and colleagues about HPV-related risks; give a strong and clear recommendation for the HPV vaccine at every 11- and 12-year-old visit; and, use evidence-based strategies in the practices to increase HPV immunization rates.

## **In Case You Missed It**

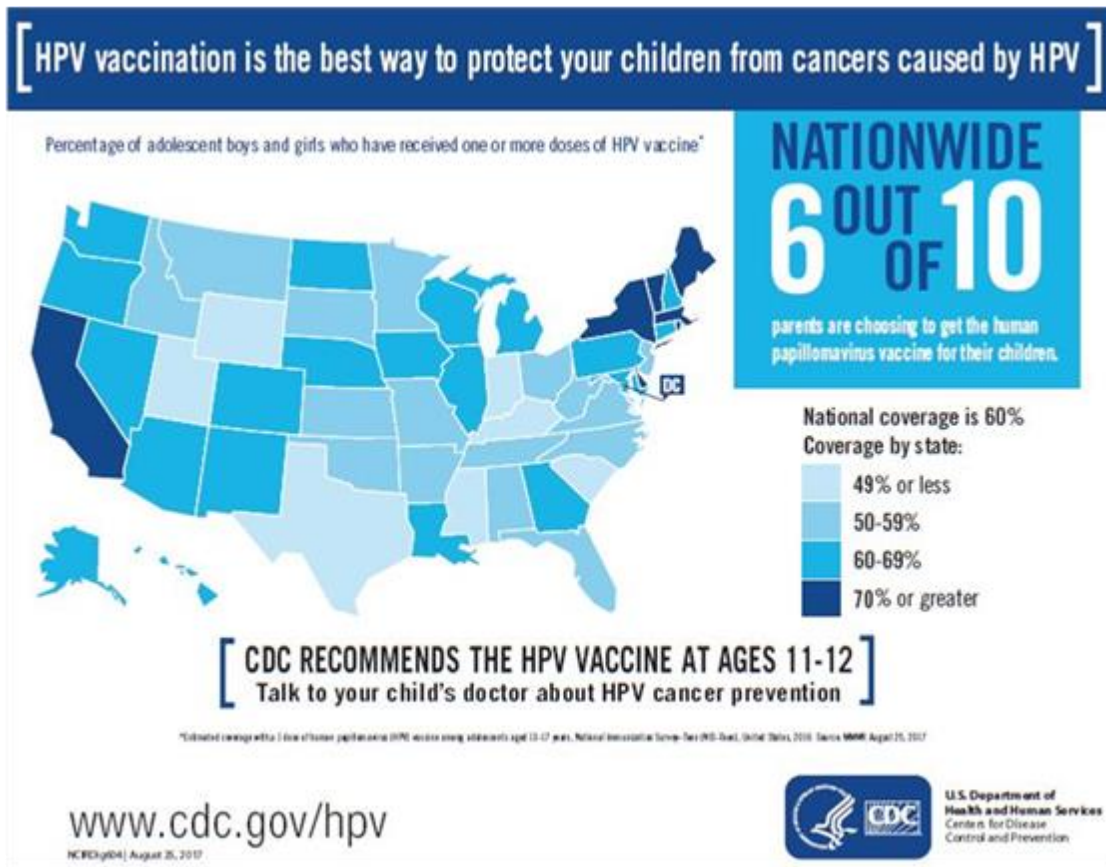
### **CDC encourages parents to protect children from cancers caused by HPV**

On Aug. 25, 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published [National, Regional, State, and Selected Local Area Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13–17 Years—United States, 2016](#) in the MMWR. The report found six out of 10 U.S. parents are choosing to get the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for their children. The CDC recommends parents get two doses of HPV vaccine for their children at ages 11 or 12 to protect against cancers caused by HPV infections. Although most children are getting their first dose of HPV vaccine, many children are not completing the vaccination series.

The annual National Immunization Survey-Teen (NIS-Teen) report, which examines vaccination coverage among U.S. adolescents, found that 60 percent of teens ages 13 to 17 received one or more doses of HPV vaccine in 2016, an increase of 4 percentage points from 2015.

The report also showed that HPV vaccination is becoming more common among boys. The difference in vaccination rates between boys and girls has been narrowing in recent years. About 65 percent of girls received the first dose of HPV vaccine compared to 56 percent of boys receiving the first dose. These latest estimates represent a 6-percentage point increase from 2015 for boys, while rates for girls were similar to 2015.

Despite these increases, areas for improvement remain. While most adolescents have received the first dose of HPV vaccine, only 43 percent of teens are up to date on all the recommended doses of HPV vaccine. HPV vaccination rates were also lower in rural and less urban areas compared to more urban areas.



[Access the full report.](#)

## HPV Vaccination Partner Resources and Shareables

### **American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) releases new immunization advocacy online tool showing vaccine legislation and vaccine coverage by state**

The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has released a new [online mapping tool](#) that provides state-by-state information on vaccination rates and other types of data that can support immunization advocacy efforts. For example, the tool shows which states permit certain types of vaccination exemptions. This State Immunization Information System (IIS) Legislation tool can assist with efforts to reach out to legislators regarding state immunization efforts.

Learn more at the [AAFP website](#).

### **Join the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance (HNCA) HeadsUp! Social Media Campaign**



Designed specifically for head and neck cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and medical staff, the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance (HNCA) HeadsUp! Campaign allows individuals to personalize a HeadsUp! message about their own cancer journey and what they wish others to know about head and neck cancer.



Although head and neck cancer is ranked as the sixth leading cancer worldwide, much more education is needed and so vitally important. Head and neck cancer includes cancers of the thyroid, mouth, nose, sinuses, salivary glands, throat and lymph nodes.

The HNCA HeadsUp! Campaign gives voice to those who have personally faced head and neck cancer and offers a way to share on social media.

Learn more about the campaign on the [HNCA website](#).

## **New Poster Session: Share Best Practices at the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) Fall 2017 Clinical Vaccinology Course**

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) invites abstract submissions\* for original research and clinical practices for poster presentation. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed for quality, originality, and overall impact. Accepted abstracts will be scheduled as poster presentations at the Fall 2017 Clinical Vaccinology Course on November 3-4, 2017 in Bethesda, MD. Submission categories include: Addressing Immunization Disparities; Implementation and Use of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) or Immunization Information Systems (IIS); and Addressing Vaccine Safety Concerns. Visit <http://bit.ly/Fall2017CVC-abstracts> for a complete list of abstract categories.

The 2-day course focuses on new developments and issues related to the use of vaccines. Expert faculty provide the latest information on vaccines, including updated recommendations for vaccinations across the lifespan, and innovative and practical strategies for ensuring timely and appropriate immunization. Learn more about the course and register at: [www.nfid.org/cvc](http://www.nfid.org/cvc).

Poster Submittal Deadline: September 25, 2017 at 11:59 PM PT

Online Submittal Site: <http://bit.ly/Fall2017CVC-abstracts>

*Please contact [Jennifer Sienko](#) if your organization has resources or social shareables that you would like to see included in the monthly update.*

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