

# HPV Vaccine: It's Cancer Prevention

**Who?** All kids (both boys and girls) should get the vaccine starting at age 9.

**What?** The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is a cancer prevention vaccine.

## Why?

- The HPV vaccine prevents 6 different cancers (mouth/throat, cervix, vulva, vagina, penis and anus).
- The HPV vaccine prevents most genital warts.
- The HPV vaccine is safe and effective, with no long term side effects.
- HPV vaccine has been given for more than 15 years and provides long lasting protection.

## When?



**Critical**  
**AGES 10-14**  
**2 Doses**  
6-12 months apart



## Last Chance

**AGES 15-26**  
**3 Doses**

1st dose at visit one  
2nd dose 1-2 months later  
3rd dose 6 months after 2nd



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