



Help parents protect their children from the risk of cancer.

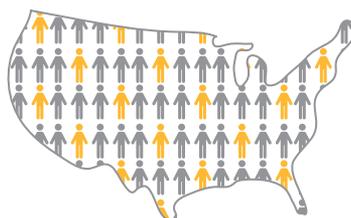
Talk to them about the HPV vaccine.

HPV stands for **human papillomavirus**, and there are more than 150 types of the virus. HPV is a common virus; 79 million Americans (almost 25% of the U.S. population!) are currently infected, and **14 million people become newly infected each year**.

HPV causes approximately 70% of all oral pharyngeal cancers.

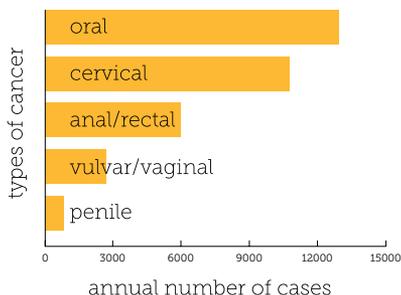
The vaccine is available for both girls and boys ages 9–26. Children should receive it with other preteen vaccines because immune systems respond better at a young age. If the series is started prior to age 15, the vaccine is two injections 6 months apart. If started after this age, three injections are required.

The vaccine can prevent more than 29,000 HPV-related cancers occurring each year in U.S. men and women.



One in four Americans is infected.

Cancers caused by HPV



The HPV vaccine is cancer prevention!

It can be challenging to talk about HPV vaccination with parents.

START THE CONVERSATION

Did you know HPV can cause cancer? And there's a vaccine that can prevent HPV? It's time for your child to get the HPV vaccine as part of his/her other preteen vaccines.

PARENTS MAY ASK

What is HPV?

HPV stands for human papillomavirus, a common virus that nearly everyone will get in their lifetime, usually with no symptoms or necessary treatment. But HPV causes almost 39,000 cancer cases per year, and over 12,500 of those are oral cancers.

Who should get vaccinated?

The best time for all boys and girls to be vaccinated is ages 11-12. Like other vaccines for children in Utah, it is universally covered, regardless of insurance or ability to pay. The immune system responds better at a young age, so it is best given with other preteen vaccines.

Is the vaccine safe?

Over 179 million doses of the HPV vaccine have been given and no serious safety concerns have been identified. The most common side effect is soreness at the injection site.

Is the vaccine effective?

The vaccine protects against the types of HPV that cause cancer. Studies show that the majority of these cancers can be prevented with the vaccine.

Where can I get the vaccine?

The HPV vaccine is available at most primary care providers, many pharmacies, or your local health department.

Where can I get more information?

For information about immunizations, visit immunize-utah.org or call 1-800-275-0659. For information about HPV, visit cancerutah.org/hpv.