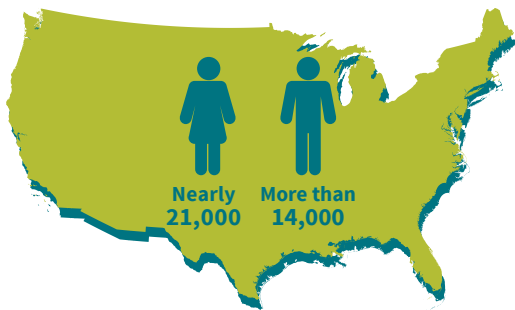


# Take a shot at cancer!

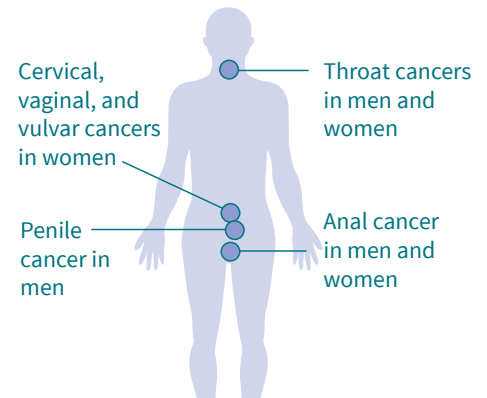
Get your child the HPV vaccine to help prevent HPV cancers.

## HPV is a serious problem.

The human papillomavirus, or HPV, can cause several cancers. HPV vaccination protects against this virus and the cancers it can cause.



Almost 35,000 men and women get HPV cancers in the United States each year. **Don't let your child be one of them.**



**HPV VACCINATION CAN PREVENT MOST OF THESE CANCERS.**



### HPV IS VERY COMMON.

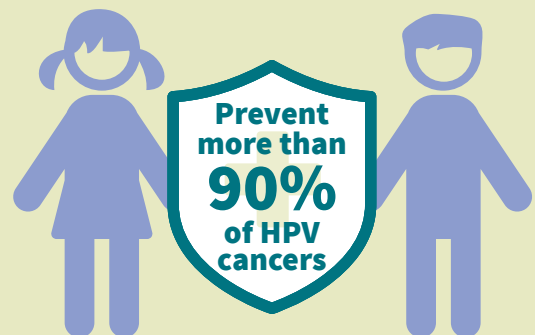
**Eight out of 10 people** will get HPV at some point in their lives.

The virus is so common that it will infect most people at some point in their lives. Most infected people do not know it. **The best way to help prevent HPV infection is to get vaccinated.**

Most HPV infections go away on their own without lasting health problems. However, there is no way to know which infections will turn into cancer. **That is why it is important that all children get vaccinated against HPV.**

### HPV VACCINATION IS CANCER PREVENTION.

HPV vaccination can **prevent more than 90% of HPV cancers** when given at the recommended ages.



# When does my child need the HPV vaccine?

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RECOMMENDS THE HPV VACCINE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN AGES 9 AND 12.



HPV vaccination works best when given between ages 9 and 12. Children and young adults ages 13 through 26 who have not been vaccinated, or who haven't gotten all their doses, should get the vaccine as soon as possible.

The vaccine is given in **two shots**, with 6 to 12 months between shots.\*

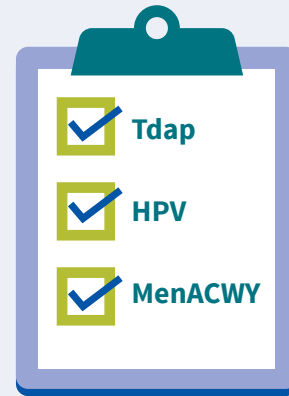


\* 3 shots of the HPV vaccine are needed for children who started the vaccine at age 15 or older, up to age 26.

The HPV vaccine is one of three vaccines that all pre-teens need.

The others are:

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine
- MenACWY (meningitis) vaccine



**HPV VACCINATION IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE.**

Scientists and health organizations around the world closely monitor HPV vaccine safety and have found it to be safe and effective.

## What else should I know?

Most health insurance covers the cost of the HPV vaccine. Ask your insurance company to make sure.

The HPV vaccine is part of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This program covers the cost of the HPV vaccine. It also covers the cost of other vaccines up to age 19 for families without insurance.

Please visit [cancer.org/HPV](https://www.cancer.org/HPV) to get more information about the HPV vaccine.

**Talk to your child's doctor today about scheduling appointments.**

1st dose:

Next dose:

**Start the HPV vaccination series today,  
and help protect your child against cancer!**

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