



**Cervical Cancer
Awareness & Prevention**

HPV Vaccines

Preventing the Human Papillomavirus (HPV)



WHAT

The HPV vaccine (Gardasil 9) is a vaccination for both boys and girls to protect against various sexually transmitted strains of HPV that lead to many forms of cancer. The most common form of cancer that may develop from HPV is cervical cancer in women.

Mayo Clinic



HOW

The HPV vaccine has the strongest response after two doses given between the ages of 11 and 12. After the age of 15, three doses of the vaccine are recommended. The vaccine is most effective in preventing HPV if it is given before people become sexually active.

American Cancer Society



WHY

Boys and girls who are vaccinated help prevent the spread of HPV, thereby saving lives and preventing cancer. Among teen girls, HPV infections related to cancers and warts have dropped 86% since the HPV vaccine has been in use.

Centers for Disease Control