

# GET ALL THE FACTS

## ABOUT THE HPV VACCINE



There is no better time to get your teen vaccinated against Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

The vaccine that prevents HPV protects your teen throughout their life. Like all vaccines, it's best to vaccinate against HPV long before ever coming into contact with the virus. It's a normal part of keeping your teen healthy and protects their ability to have a family of their own one day.

Make sure your teen gets the HPV vaccine along with the other recommended adolescent vaccines.

**BECAUSE ALL IS BETTER THAN SOME.**

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Sources:



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



National Cancer Institute

### 1. It's never too late to vaccinate.

- Everyone over 11 years old should be vaccinated.
- Research shows that younger people respond better to the vaccine, meaning their bodies will be more prepared to prevent an HPV infection if they get the vaccine at a young age.

### 2. Everyone needs the HPV vaccine.

- HPV is so common that almost everyone will be infected at some point in their life.
- HPV can cause cancers, genital warts and other illnesses.
- The vaccine protects both males and females.

### 3. The HPV vaccine works.

- The vaccine prevents HPV-related cancers and illnesses.
- Since doctors started giving the vaccine to their patients, there has been a huge drop in HPV infections, related cancers and pre-cancers.

### 4. The HPV vaccine is proven to be safe.

- The side effects are mostly mild and similar to other vaccines, such as temporary redness and soreness in the arm.
- The vaccine does not contain harmful ingredients.

### 5. The HPV vaccine is given in multiple doses.

- Teens older than 15 years will need three doses of the HPV vaccine to prevent HPV-related cancers in the long run.
- Teens who get their first dose of HPV vaccine at age 14 or younger need two doses.
- Refer back to point #1!

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