

Recommended vaccines for adolescents

- HPV
- Tdap
- Meningococcal



Call or visit your local Health District office to vaccinate your child today for a better life tomorrow

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You have the power to prevent CANCER



The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is proven to be a **safe** and **effective** way to prevent cancer.

Call or visit your **Tri-Cities Cancer Center** for more information about HPV-related cancers

With the **HPV vaccine** for your children, you can help prevent HPV-related cancers

Doctors want to see **fewer patients** coming to them with cancers that **could have been prevented** with the HPV vaccine.





Every year,
17,600 women
and **9,300 men**
are affected by
HPV related
cancer.

What is HPV?

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a very common virus. An estimated **80 MILLION** individuals in the United States are currently infected. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) projects that there are **20 MILLION** new cases every year. HPV is spread through intimate skin-to-skin contact.

How do you know you have it?

There is no routine test to find out a person's HPV status, only tests to detect HPV in cervical cancer screenings.

Cure/treatment?

There is no treatment for the virus itself. Fortunately, nine in 10 HPV cases clear up without treatment and show no symptoms. However, if HPV does not go away on its own, it can cause various cancers and genital warts. Warts can be treated, but may come back. Cancers can be more treatable if diagnosed early, but prevention is the best way to stop HPV-related cancers.

HPV and Cancer

Related Cancers:

- Oral Cancer
- Throat Cancer
- Cervical Cancer
- Vaginal Cancer
- Recurrent Respiratory Papillomatosis (rare condition in which warts grow in the throat)
- Penile Cancer
- Anal Cancer
- Genital Warts

Prevention

HPV Vaccination

HPV-related cancers affect men and women making it important for both boys and girls to receive the vaccine. **The vaccine is proven safe and effective for both boys and girls.** Gardasil and Cervarix are the two vaccinations available to protect against HPV. The vaccines are 100% effective at preventing the types of HPV that cause cancer and genital warts.

Vaccinations

Dosage and Scheduling

The vaccine is recommended at ages 11 and 12, but can be given anytime between 9 and 26 years old.

Under 15 yrs. old: The vaccine is a two-dose series spread over 5-12 months.

15 yrs. and older: The vaccine is a three-dose series spread over six months.

Why so early?

No matter what disease, as parents you want to ensure that your children are fully protected before exposure. In addition, at ages 11 and 12 kids' immune systems respond better to the vaccine than older kids and adults.

Cost

The vaccine is FREE for children under the age of 19, but administration and office visit fees may apply.

Where

Benton-Franklin Health District, your primary health care provider or your local pharmacy.