

# What Parents should know about the HPV Vaccine

About 14 million people, including teens, are infected by the HPV virus each year. When HPV infections don't go away, it increases the risk for cancer. Every year, about 17,600 women and 9,300 men get cancers caused by HPV.

The HPV shot may help prevent many of these cancers. Ask your doctor:

- What does the HPV vaccine prevent?
- Who should get the vaccine?
- How old should they be?
- Is the HPV vaccine safe?



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# Prevent Cancer with the HPV Vaccine

**HPV VACCINE FOR YOUR PRETEENS AND TEENS**





## Know more about the HPV Vaccine

### WHAT DOES THE HPV VACCINE PREVENT?

The HPV vaccine can prevent some cancers of the mouth, throat, sex organs and cervix that are caused by the HPV virus. This common virus also causes genital warts.

### WHO SHOULD GET THE HPV VACCINE?

Both boys and girls should get the vaccine to prevent cancer. This vaccine will help prevent infection from the HPV viruses that cause genital warts, as well as cancers of the mouth and throat, penis and anus.

### WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD GET THE HPV VACCINE?

The HPV vaccine is delivered in three shots. The following table illustrates the schedule:

Shot	Recommended
#1	11–12 years but can be given 9–26 years
#2	1–2 months after shot #1
#3	At least 6 months after shot #1

### WHERE CAN MY CHILD GET VACCINATED?

Your child can get the HPV vaccine at any Intermountain Community Pharmacy or from your child's primary care provider.

To find the nearest Intermountain Community Pharmacy visit, [IntermountainHealthcare.org](http://IntermountainHealthcare.org).

About 14 million people, including teens, become infected with human papilloma virus (HPV) each year.

### IS THE HPV VACCINE SAFE?

All vaccines used in the U.S. are well-tested for safety before they are approved and licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Once in use, they are regularly checked to make sure they are safe and effective.

Two HPV vaccines are approved by the FDA. Both are recommended by CDC to prevent HPV-related illness. Both vaccines were studied to make they were safe, both before and after the vaccines were licensed in 2006. Since then, no safety concerns have been found in the large studies. The CDC and FDA have looked at the safety information for both HPV vaccines. They have determined that they are both safe.

The HPV vaccine is made from a single protein from the HPV virus that is not infectious or carcinogenic. This means it cannot cause HPV infection or cancer; it prevents them.