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Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI) in the United States. HPV is a virus passed from one person to another during skin-to-skin sexual contact.

How can I prevent HPV?

- Get vaccinated. HPV vaccines can prevent most cases of cervical, vaginal, vulvar, and anal cancers.
- Use condoms. Consistent condom use can protect women from HPV infection.
- Avoid direct contact. The surest way to prevent genital HPV infection is to refrain from any genital contact with another person.
- Get tested. HPV infections can be diagnosed with a Pap test, which checks for cancer or precancerous changes of the cervix.

Who should get the HPV Vaccine?

All preteens (including boys and girls) at age 11 or 12 years (or can start at age 9 years). Everyone through age 26 years, if not vaccinated already.

Why you should get the HPV vaccine.

HPV vaccines can prevent some of the health effects of HPV. HPV vaccines offer the best protection to girls and boys who receive all three vaccine doses. They need time to develop an immune response before they become sexually active. The immune response to this vaccine is better in preteens ages 11 to 12 years. This could mean better protection for your child.

Is the HPV vaccine safe?

Yes. The HPV vaccination has been studied very carefully and continues to be monitored by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). No serious safety concerns have been linked to the HPV vaccination.

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