

# HPV Vaccine:

WHAT YOUTH NEED TO KNOW!



## HPV vaccine

is **CANCER PREVENTION.**

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## What is HPV?

Human papillomavirus or HPV is a very common virus that can lead to cancers of the mouth, throat, cervix, penis, vagina, vulva and anus. It may cause genital warts.

## How does it spread?

HPV infection can be passed through any type of sexual activity — NOT just intercourse. Some types of HPV can be spread by skin-to-skin contact of infected areas.

## Do I need the vaccine? YES!

If you are age 11 or older, HPV vaccine can prevent genital warts and some types of cancer. Get protected from this virus before you have sex! Even if you are already sexually active, it's not too late to get the vaccine.

## Where can I get the vaccine?

Most clinics carry the HPV vaccine including school based health centers, sexual health centers and local health departments. There are many ways to get this vaccine at little to no cost. Ask your clinic, or call the Oregon Immunization Program at 971-673-0300 to see how you can get vaccinated today!

Age at first dose	Vaccine dose 1	Vaccine dose 2	Vaccine dose 3
9-14 Years	Now	6-12 months	Not Needed*
15-26 Years	Now	1-2 months after dose 1	6 months after dose 1

\*if series is initiated before age 15 and there is at least 5 months between doses then only two doses are needed.

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