

HPV VACCINE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

WHAT IS HPV?

Human papillomavirus, or HPV, is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States. In 90% of the cases, the disease simply goes away on its own without any negative side effects. However, if the disease persists, it can develop into serious health conditions, such as genital warts or cancer, which can be life-threatening.

HPV AND CANCER

Some parents question the need for an HPV vaccine, assuming it only deters the STI. While fighting HPV, it prevents the infection from developing further, which also prevents the development of certain cancers linked to HPV. 36,000 of the 45,000 cases of cancer in the cervix, anus, penis, vagina, and vulva are linked to higher risk cases of HPV. Most of these cases can be prevented with vaccination for HPV, which is why it is important to receive the vaccine.



THE VACCINE

It's recommended for both males and females aged 11 to 26. Most children only need two doses of the vaccine before the age of 15. Further, the vaccine, with over 15 years of monitoring and research, is safe, long-lasting, and effective. It's a simple and painless way to safeguard your health, your child's health, and the health of those around you. It is important to receive the vaccine because early protection works best. The vaccine is cancer prevention, and it is always easier to prevent cancer than it is to treat it. Ensure you contact your healthcare provider for more information about this subject and to schedule your child's vaccination appointment.

