

YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF — with the — HPV Vaccine

HPV is a common virus and can have **SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES**

In the U.S. approximately **79 million** people have been infected with HPV

14 million new HPV infections occur **EVERY YEAR**



8 in 10 sexually active people will get at least one type of HPV in their lives

You can get HPV even if you've had just

- ✓ **one sexual partner**

The virus can be spread through

- ✓ **oral sex and other sexual encounters, not just intercourse**

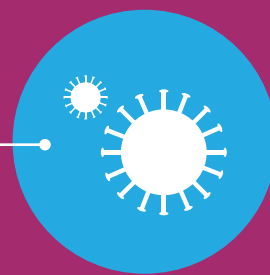
BEING INFECTED WITH HPV CAN LEAD TO:

- cancer of the cervix, penis, anus, mouth, and throat
- genital warts

THE HPV VACCINE

Even if you have been sexually active, and possibly already exposed to HPV, the HPV vaccine...

Offers protection against multiple strains of the virus that can lead to several types of cancer and other HPV-related diseases



Reduces your risk of certain HPV-related cancers by up to 99 percent when you are fully protected with the recommended doses

THE HPV VACCINE CAN PROTECT both you and your partner from cancer



Each year, there are **12,000** cases of cervical cancer leading to over 4,000 deaths in women

Each year, there are

9,300 HPV-related cancers in men



SO ADULTS CAN GET THE HPV VACCINE?

Yes. If you didn't get the HPV vaccine as a child or teenager, talk with your doctor. You can get the vaccine through age 26.

Also, if you're older than 26 and at risk of a new HPV infection, talk with your doctor. Together you can discuss whether the vaccine would benefit you. The vaccine is approved for people through age 45.

The HPV vaccine is **SAFE AND EFFECTIVE**

Clinical trials and ongoing research have shown the HPV vaccine's protection remains strong for at least

10 years.

There is no evidence to suggest this level of protection changes over time.



The most common side effect of the HPV vaccine is soreness and redness where the shot is given. There have been no reports of severe side effects or bad reactions to the vaccine.

YOU ARE THE KEY TO HPV CANCER PREVENTION.

Make sure you are protected by receiving all recommended doses of the HPV vaccine.