HPV CANCER PREVENTION
THERE’S A VACCINE FOR CANCER
IS YOUR CHILD PROTECTED?

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) IS A VERY COMMON VIRUS
Nearly half of Americans between the ages of 18-59 are infected in the United States.

HPV VACCINE IS CANCER PREVENTION
HPV infection can cause anal, cervical, penile, throat/tonsil, vaginal, and vulvar cancers.

HPV VACCINE IS BEST FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 11-12 YEARS
The vaccine produces better immunity to fight infection when given at a younger age.

RECOMMENDED AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER ADOLESCENT VACCINES
Recommended vaccines for adolescents age 11 or 12 include:
- TDAP
- HPV
- MENINGOCOCCAL

HPV VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE
HPV vaccine is safe, effective, and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
**HPV Vaccination Recommendations**

**Before Age 15**
Most adolescents initiating vaccination before their 15th birthday only need two doses of HPV vaccine.

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*Discuss with your doctor, as three doses may still be recommended for some adolescents.

**After Age 15**
For persons initiating vaccination on or after their 15th birthday, or for immunocompromised adolescents, 3 doses are recommended.

**Need Help Paying for the HPV Vaccine Series?**
The HPV vaccine is available to eligible adolescents through the Vaccines for Children Program in South Dakota. To learn more about the VFC program visit: [https://doh.sd.gov/family/childhood/immunization/](https://doh.sd.gov/family/childhood/immunization/)

To learn more about the HPV virus and HPV vaccine visit: [www.cdc.gov/hpv](http://www.cdc.gov/hpv)

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