

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

PREVENT • SCREEN • PROTECT



Know the Facts About HPV

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV)

HPV is a very common virus that can affect anyone with sexual contact. Most people will get HPV at some point in their lives, and often it goes away on its own.

HPV is common. Vaccination and screening can prevent most cervical cancers.



IT'S COMMON

About 8 out of 10 people will get HPV in their lifetime.



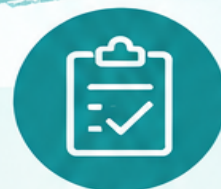
IT CAN BE PREVENTED

The HPV vaccine can protect against the types of HPV that most often cause cancer.



IT CAN CAUSE CANCER

Certain types of HPV can lead to cervical cancer and other cancers, even years after infection.



SCREENING SAVES LIVES

Regular Pap tests and HPV testing can find changes early, when they are easier to treat.

You Can Take Action

- ✓ Get the HPV vaccine (recommended for preteens, teens, and young adults up to age 26).
- ✓ Stay up to date on cervical cancer screening.
- ✓ Talk to your provider about your risk.
- ✓ Encourage friends and family to learn about HPV.

HPV CAN ALSO CAUSE:



Vaginal cancer



Vulvar cancer



Anal cancer



Throat cancer



Penile cancer

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