

Protect your child against viruses that can cause cancer.

HPV vaccine can be given starting at age nine. It protects children against cancers caused by the human papillomavirus.

Two reasons for two doses at age nine

HPV vaccines are safe and develop better immunity when given at younger ages, producing the most infection-fighting cells, or antibodies, in preteens. It is highly effective in preventing infection from certain types of HPV when given before a person is exposed to the virus.

When your child turns nine, ask your health care provider about protecting them from cancer with the HPV vaccine.

Learn more at

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/hpv>.



At least 35,900 people in the U.S. get cancer caused by HPV each year.

The two most common cancers caused by HPV are cervical cancer in women and mouth/throat cancer in men.

Only **TWO** doses of HPV vaccine are needed for most kids who start the series at ages 9 to 14. **THREE** doses are needed for those starting at ages 15 to 26.

