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Dear Provider,

If you provide care to young people who are immunocompromised or HIV-positive, they are at greater risk for HPV infection. Men and women who are immunocompromised or HIV-positive, and men who have sex with men (MSM), are also more likely to develop HPV-related cancers if infected with HPV.¹

As Washington State's Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases, I am asking you to join me in protecting immunocompromised and HIV-positive patients by routinely recommending and administering HPV immunization. Studies confirm that your recommendation and offer of vaccines are essential to ensuring uptake. **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccination of everyone aged 9-26 years not vaccinated previously² especially those that are immunocompromised, HIV-positive, and men who have sex with men (MSM).³** Additionally, adults aged 27-45 years may choose to be vaccinated after talking with their healthcare provider.²

The following materials will help you start the conversation and strongly recommend the HPV vaccine to your immunocompromised and HIV-positive patients.

- ✓ [Start the Conversation about HPV \(PDF\)](#)
- ✓ [HPV-HIV Key Points \(PDF\)](#)
- ✓ [Routine HPV Vaccine \(PDF\)](#)
- ✓ [IAC's Vaccinations for Adults with HIV Infection \(PDF\)](#)

You can share this toolkit with your colleagues by doing a copy and paste of the link below.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/PublicHealthSystemResourcesandServices/Immunization/HPVInformation#toolkit>

Thank you for promoting this lifesaving anticancer vaccine to your immunocompromised and HIV-positive patients.

Sincerely,

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¹ Cachay E, Matthews W. HPV Vaccine and HIV-Infected Men. *AIDS Rev.* 2014;16:90-100. Available at: http://aidsreviews.com/files/2014_16_2_90-100.pdf

² Meites E, Szilagyi PG, Chesson HW, Unger ER, Romero JR, Markowitz LE. Human Papillomavirus Vaccination for Adults: Updated Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. *MMWR.* 2019;68:698-702. Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6832a3.htm>

³ Petrosky E, Bocchini JA, Hariri S, Chesson H, Curtis CR, Saraiya M, et al. [Use of 9-Valent Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\) Vaccine: Updated HPV Vaccination Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) *MMWR.* 2015;64(11);300-304. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6411a3.htm>