



What you need to know about the **HPV VACCINE**

*If you could protect
a loved one against
HPV-related cancer,
wouldn't you?*



The virus

Human papillomavirus, or HPV, is a group of 150+ related viruses. HPV causes more than 30,000 cases of cancer each year.

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The vaccine

The FDA-approved vaccine is extremely safe and effective. Two doses are recommended for boys and girls prior to turning 15, while older teens and young adults need three doses.



The age range

The HPV vaccine is optimal for boys and girls ages 11-12, but can be given as early as age 9. Catch-up vaccination is also recommended for everyone through age 26, if not vaccinated already.



The importance

The vaccine is long lasting and protects against HPV types that cause most cervical cancers and some cancers of the anus, vulva, vagina, penis and throat.

HPV vaccination
can prevent about

92%

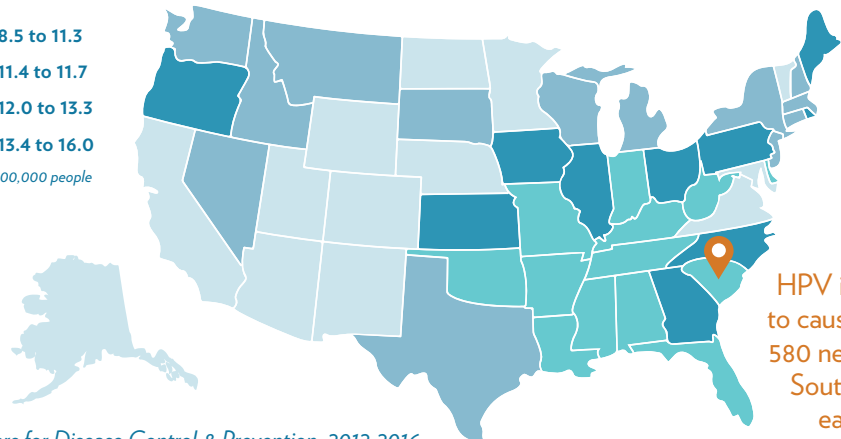
of HPV-related
cancers in the future

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- Safe and effective
- Recommended for all boys and girls ages 11-12
- Vaccination available for free or low cost

Visit the FAQs page on our website to learn more and find a vaccination location near you.

HPV-related cancer rates by state



HPV is estimated to cause more than 580 new cancers in South Carolina each year.

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