All girls and boys between 11 and 12 years old should get the HPV vaccine and complete the series by age 13. The vaccine is recommended at this age so boys and girls have time to develop the best immune response. The HPV vaccine can be given as early as age 9 and up to age 26 for females and age 21 for males.

- Talk with your child’s doctor about the HPV vaccine.
- The vaccine is safe and effective.
- Most insurance plans and vaccine assistance programs cover vaccine costs.
HPV is a virus. It is so common that most people get it at some point in their lives. In most cases, the immune system clears the virus before it’s detected.

If the body does not clear the virus, HPV can cause these types of cancers:

**WOMEN**
- anal
- cervical
- throat
- vaginal
- vulvar

**MEN**
- anal
- penile
- throat

HPV also causes genital warts in women and men.

A cancer caused by HPV is diagnosed every 20 minutes in the United States.