HPV VACCINE: Long-Lasting Cancer Protection

Vaccination prevents over 90% of cancers caused by HPV.

HPV stands for human papillomavirus. HPV is so common that nearly everyone gets it at some point. It can be passed with no signs or symptoms. It dramatically increases the risk of serious cancer in both men and women.

In New Hampshire

The HPV vaccination rate is just:

- 63% of girls completed their HPV vaccination series in 2017.
- 57% of boys completed their HPV vaccination series in 2017.

Most Common Cancers Caused by HPV:

- Cervical cancer occurred in 34 women per year.
- Oral cancer occurred in 203 people per year.

(average count per year from 2011 through 2015)

The HPV vaccine offers future cancer protection for boys and girls.

Preventable Cancers Caused by HPV:

- ORAL*
- CERVICAL
- VAGINAL
- VULVAR
- PENILE
- ANAL**

*Includes cancers of the oral cavity and pharynx
**Includes anal and rectal squamous cell carcinomas

Earlier Vaccination is Better

Two doses of HPV vaccine are recommended for girls and boys ages 11-12.

- Teens and young adults (15-26) can still receive vaccination, but will require three doses.

Consult your healthcare provider for more information.

To learn more about the HPV vaccine and other immunization services in New Hampshire, visit https://www.dhhs.nh.gov.


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