HPV Vaccine Facts
for boys and girls

Every year **34,800** people in the U.S. develop HPV-related cancer.

The HPV vaccine protects against **6 kinds of cancer**.

HPV causes more mouth and throat cancers than smoking.

HPV vaccine is very safe and can prevent over **90%** of all HPV cancers.

**79 million** Americans are infected with HPV. Most infections go away on their own, but sometimes they can lead to cancer.

**9-12 years** is the optimal age for the vaccine because the vaccine works much better during the preteen years than when given later.

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