

# HPV FACTS

## THE HPV VACCINE IS CANCER PREVENTION

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a life-threatening virus that causes cancer 10-20 years after infection. Most people will be infected with HPV at some point in their life.

In the United States, each year:



More than 30,000 new HPV-related cancers are diagnosed in men & women



More than 8,000 men and women die from HPV-related cancers

## IF YOU COULD PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM CANCER, WOULD YOU?

- The HPV vaccine will protect your sons and daughters from HPV-related cancers
- The HPV vaccine is safe




More than 79 million doses have been given in the US. No serious safety concerns found.



As with all vaccines, the HPV vaccine continues to be carefully monitored to make sure that it is safe and works.

Sources: [cdc.gov/hpv](http://cdc.gov/hpv) • [aap.org](http://aap.org)

## REASONS YOUR CHILD SHOULD GET THE HPV VACCINE TODAY

- 1 Cancer screening tests will not protect your child from most HPV-related cancers.
- 2 There is currently NO treatment for HPV infection.
- 3 More than 90% of HPV-related cancers are prevented by vaccination. 
- 4 The vaccine works better when given at the recommended ages of 11-12 years and before infection with the virus.
- 5 The vaccine can be safely given with the tetanus and meningitis shots.