

# Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine

## What is HPV:

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a very common infection in teens and adults. It is a group of more than 150 viruses that affects men and women.

## Why It Matters:

- Vaccinating your child on time helps protect them from HPV cancers.
- Getting vaccinated at the recommended age [ages 9-12] will prevent more cancers than vaccination at older ages.

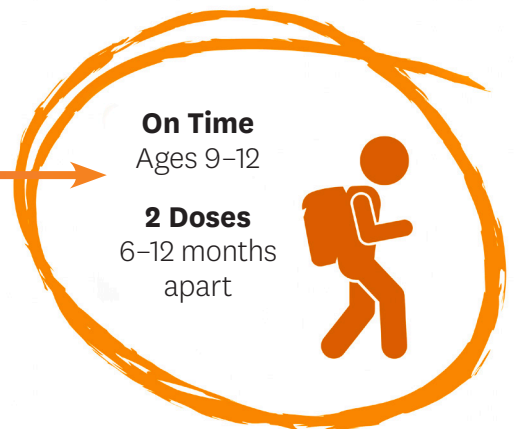
## Why Focus on HPV:

- HPV can cause six types of cancers.
- There is a vaccine that prevents HPV-related cancers.

## The American Cancer Society [ACS] and Centers for Disease Control [CDC] recommendations for HPV vaccine:

- **BOYS AND GIRLS** should get two doses of the HPV vaccine between the ages of 9 to 12.
- The vaccine is more effective when given earlier [at age 9].
- Current research shows that the vaccine is effective, and there's no sign that the protection decreases with time.
- If you wait until your child is older, they will need 3 doses.
- Vaccines can be administered at any visit to your child's doctor including annual checkups, sports physicals, and annual flu shot or other vaccine visits.

## Vaccinate



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