

# Protect your child against viruses that can cause cancer.

HPV vaccine can be given starting at age nine. It protects children against cancers caused by the human papillomavirus.

## Two reasons for two doses at age nine

HPV vaccines are safe and develop better immunity when given at younger ages, producing the most infection-fighting cells, or antibodies, in preteens. It is highly effective in preventing infection from certain types of HPV when given before a person is exposed to the virus.

When your child turns nine, ask your health care provider about protecting them from cancer with the HPV vaccine. Learn more at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/hpv>.



At least 35,900 people in the U.S. get cancer caused by HPV each year.

The two most common cancers caused by HPV are cervical cancer in women and mouth/throat cancer in men.

Only TWO doses of HPV vaccine are needed for most kids who start the series at ages 9 to 14. THREE doses are needed for those starting at ages 15 to 26.

