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Vaccinate for Human Papillomavirus (HPV): Protect Children from Cancer

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States and can take years to appear after exposure.¹ The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports thousands of HPV associated cancer cases every year. As a valued provider, listening to parent concerns and answering questions related to HPV can prevent cancer later in life. You can help parents understand the importance of protecting their child from HPV later, by vaccinating now.²

Who should get vaccinated?

The [CDC recommends the HPV vaccination](#) series begin at age 11 or 12, or as early as age 9, and for everyone up to 26 years old. Eleven and 12-year-olds should receive their initial HPV vaccination followed by a second vaccination 6-12 months after the initial dose.

More Info

Reference the [BCBSTX Preventive Care Guidelines \(PCGs\)](#), [Clinical Practice Guidelines \(CPGs\)](#) and [THSteps for Medical Providers](#) for more information on this and other important topics for treating your patients.

References

¹ Center for Disease Control 2020. Genital HPV Infection- Fact Sheet Retrieved June 4, 2020, from <https://www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/stdfact-hpv.htm>

² Center for Disease Control 2020. *Immunization Strategies for Healthcare Practices and Providers* Retrieved June 5, 2020 from <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/strat.html>

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