

4 THINGS A PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV).



The more we learn about health risks for our children, the more we can do to help protect them as they grow up. **That's why it's so important to get the facts about HPV.**

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HPV CAN BE SERIOUS.

HPV CAN CAUSE CERTAIN **PRECANCERS, CANCERS, AND OTHER DISEASES.**

These can develop very slowly and may not even occur until later in life.

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HPV AFFECTS BOTH GENDERS.

Both males and females are affected by HPV. Exposure to the virus can happen with any kind of adolescent experimentation that involves genital contact with someone who has HPV — intercourse isn't necessary, but it is the most common way to get the virus.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO HELP PROTECT CHILDREN BEFORE THEY ARE AT RISK.

BEING INFORMED IS THE FIRST STEP IN HELPING TO PROTECT AGAINST HPV.



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YOU CAN'T TELL IF SOMEONE HAS HPV.

Many people who have HPV **don't even know it** because HPV often has no signs or symptoms.

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THERE IS NO TREATMENT FOR HPV INFECTION.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE WAYS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM HPV-RELATED CANCERS AND DISEASES.

EDUCATION IS THE FIRST STEP IN HELPING TO PROTECT YOUR KIDS FROM CERTAIN HPV-RELATED CANCERS AND DISEASES LATER IN LIFE.



You've read some of the surprising facts about HPV. The statistics below may surprise you even more.

APPROXIMATELY
14 MILLION PEOPLE
will become newly infected
EACH YEAR. AND ABOUT

 **50% OF NEW INFECTIONS**
OCCUR IN 15- TO 24-YEAR-OLDS.

FOR MOST PEOPLE, HPV CLEARS ON ITS OWN.
But, for others who don't clear the virus, it could cause certain precancers, cancers, and other diseases.



EACH DAY in the United States,
33 WOMEN are diagnosed with HPV-related
CERVICAL CANCER.

Although there are more than 40 genital types of HPV, only certain types can cause

HPV-RELATED CANCERS AND DISEASES:



ANAL CANCER
GENITAL WARTS



CERVICAL CANCER
VULVAR CANCER
VAGINAL CANCER

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?

- **HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS** is a virus that can cause certain cancers and diseases in both males and females.
- Exposure to HPV can happen with any kind of adolescent experimentation that involves genital contact with someone who has HPV — intercourse isn't necessary, but it is the most common way to get the virus.
- Because **HPV often has no visible signs or symptoms**, anyone can get the virus or pass the virus on without even knowing it. And there's no way to predict who will or won't clear the virus.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

Protection starts with knowing the facts.

Now that you're armed with more information, talk to your child's doctor to see if vaccination is right for your child.

For more information, visit **HPV.COM**



EVERY HOUR, there are an estimated
40 NEW CASES of
GENITAL WARTS
in the United States.



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