# STOP THE SPREAD OF HPV

## Human papillomavirus (HPV)

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports an estimated **43 million HPV infections in 2018.** Many of those infected are in their late teens and early 20s.





# Prevention

*HPV has no cure.* CDC says the best way to protect yourself and others against HPV is to vaccinate against it.



### **Cancer Risk**

HPV is directly linked to cervical cancer among other cancers it can cause. These cancers may take years to develop after someone contracts the virus.



#### Who should get vaccinated?

CDC recommends HPV vaccinations for:

- All preteens at the ages of 11 or 12
- Everyone up to the age of 26 who is not yet vaccinated

#### Talk to your doctor about HPV screening and if the HPV vaccine is right for you.



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