



The HPV vaccine helps protect your child against many types of cancers.

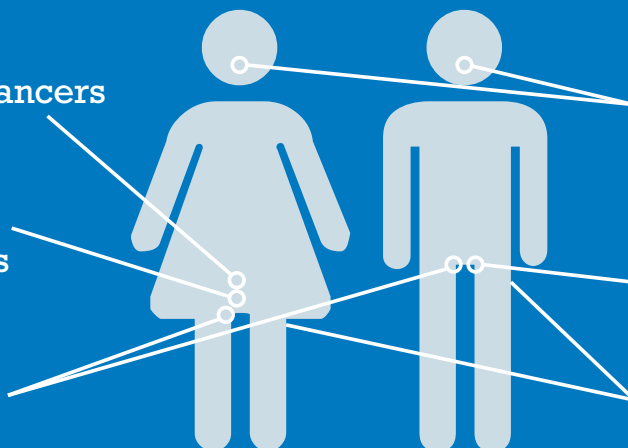
New this year: HPV vaccine is now offered to all grade six children in British Columbia as part of the regular school-based immunization program.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is associated with:

almost **ALL** cases of cervical cancers

40% of vaginal and vulvar cancers

over **90%** of genital warts



25-35% of mouth and throat cancers*

40-50% of penile cancers

about **80-90%** of anal cancers

Three facts we want you to know

- 1) HPV is one of the most common sexually transmitted infections in the world; 75% of Canadians will contract HPV at some point in their lives.**
- 2) The vaccine is safe and effective in preventing HPV related cancers in both males and females.
- 3) For best protection, the vaccine is given in grade 6 when it is unlikely your child has been exposed to the virus. Children also have a better immune response around this age.

*Oral and oropharyngeal cancers **Sexual intercourse is not necessary to get infected with HPV.



Learn about the HPV vaccine.



Sign your child's consent form today.



Don't delay. Get your child vaccinated.

Have questions? Talk to your doctor, public health nurse or call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 for more information. Canadian Cancer Society Information Service at 1-888-939-3333 / info@cis.cancer.ca / immunizebc.ca