Facebook Posts for Parents and Caregivers

**HPV Vaccine**

Did you know HPV vaccine prevents cancer? Learn more about getting this life-saving vaccine for your child.

Cancer and other diseases caused by HPV (human papillomavirus) can be prevented with HPV vaccine. 32,500 men and women get HPV cancers every year in the U.S. Get your kids this life-saving vaccine when they are 11 or 12 years old to prevent cancer.

Do you have preteen or teen kids in your home? Are they up to date on their vaccinations? Preteens and teens need 4 vaccines to protect them from serious, and sometimes deadly, diseases. Any visit to the doctor—when they are sick, getting a physical for sports, camp or school—can be a good time for preteens and teens to get the recommended vaccines.

If you could protect your child from cancer, would you? HPV vaccine protects against cancers in boys and girls, and you can get the vaccine for your child during the same visit you get their tetanus and meningitis shots.

Don’t miss an opportunity to protect your child from cancer. HPV vaccine is recommended for girls and boys at ages 11–12 to protect against cancers and other diseases caused by HPV.

**Vaccine Safety**

Approximately 100 million doses of HPV vaccine have been distributed since the vaccine was introduced, and no serious side effects have been linked to HPV vaccination. The most common side effects after HPV vaccine are mild and include pain in the arm where the shot was given, fever, dizziness, and nausea.

**Paying for HPV Vaccine**

Are you interested in getting HPV vaccine for your child but concerned about the cost? The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program may be able to help. VFC provides vaccines for children ages 18 years and younger, who are uninsured, Medicaid-eligible, American Indian or Alaska Native. Learn more: [http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/parents/qa-detailed.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/parents/qa-detailed.html)

**Seasonal & Health Observances**

**Cervical Cancer Awareness Month (January)**

Cervical cancer used to be the most deadly cancer among women. Now, thanks to the HPV vaccine, it is the most preventable cancer among women. Protect your sons and daughters from cancers caused by HPV by getting the HPV vaccine for them before they turn 13. #CervicalCancer

Did you know that 4,000 women die of cervical cancer every year, even with screening and treatment? HPV vaccination at ages 11–12 could prevent most of these cancers from ever developing. #CervicalCancer

**Cancer Prevention Month (February)**

Are you still unsure why your son or daughter needs the HPV vaccine? Reason number one: #CancerPrevention. HPV vaccine protects against the cancers caused by HPV in boys and girls, so make sure to get this life-saving vaccine for your kids.

February is #CancerPrevention Month. You can protect your children from cancer this month by getting the HPV vaccine for them before they turn 13.
**National Cancer Control Month (April)**
April is #CancerControl month. Keep cancer in check this month by getting the HPV vaccine for your kids at ages 11–12.

**National Women’s Health Week (May 10–16)**
Let’s make women’s health a priority this week. Cervical cancer kills over 4,000 women every year, but HPV vaccine can prevent the majority of those cancers from ever developing. Get the HPV shots for your daughter before she turns 13. #WomensHealthWeek

Cervical cancer used to be the deadliest cancer among women. Now, thanks to HPV vaccine, it is the most preventable cancer among women. Make women’s health a priority this week and get HPV vaccine for your daughters. #WomensHealthWeek

**Back to School (June–August)**
School supplies, check. New clothes, check. Vaccines? Have you crossed vaccines off your kids’ back-to-school checklist? All preteens need three shots before they go back-to-school to be protected from serious, sometimes deadly, diseases.

Beat the rush and make an appointment for your girls and boys to get HPV vaccine before they go back to school. HPV vaccine is cancer prevention.

Remember to put HPV vaccine on your back-to-school checklist. Preteens need Tdap, meningococcal, & HPV vaccines to get the best protection from serious, sometimes deadly, diseases.

It’s back-to-school time again. Are your preteens protected from cancers caused by HPV?

**National Men’s Health Week (June 7–13)**
This week is Men’s Health Week. Let’s protect the futures of our young men by making sure they are protected against the cancers caused by HPV. Boys should get HPV vaccine when they are 11 or 12 years old. Teen boys and young men through age 21 should also be vaccinated if they haven’t started or finished the HPV vaccine series. Young men ages 22 through 26 can ask their doctor if HPV vaccine is right for them. #MensHealthWeek

Let’s make men’s health a priority this week. HPV causes cancers of the penis in men and cancers of the anus and oropharynx (back of the throat and tonsils) in men and women. HPV vaccination during the preteen years could prevent many of these cancers from ever developing. Make an appointment to vaccinate your preteen boys and girls this week. #MensHealthWeek

**National Immunization Awareness Month (August)**
It’s National Immunization Awareness Month! Protect your girls and boys from meningitis, HPV cancers, and pertussis, or whooping cough by getting the vaccines recommended for them before they go back to school.

Don’t miss out on the chance to protect your kids from cancer. HPV vaccine is recommended at ages 11–12 to protect against cancers and other diseases caused by HPV. Make an appointment for your preteen to get the vaccines recommended for them before they go back to school.

Are your preteens up-to-date on all their shots? All preteens need the Tdap, meningococcal conjugate, and HPV vaccines to be protected from serious, sometimes deadly, diseases.