

WIPE VACCINATION IS KEY! WIPE OUT HPV! OUT



HPV Vaccine

A Vaccine to **PREVENT** Several Types of Cancer

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

What is HPV? *Human*

Papillomavirus (HPV) is a virus that causes six types of cancer, including cervical cancer in women and mouth/throat cancer in men and women.

Is it effective? *The HPV vaccine has shown to be very effective in preventing HPV-associated cancers and studies have shown a long-lasting protection. Because it is a preventive vaccine it is most effective if children are vaccinated before they are exposed to the HPV virus.*

Is the HPV vaccine for boys and girls? *It is recommended that both boys and girls receive the HPV vaccine because some HPV-related cancers occur in boys and girls.*

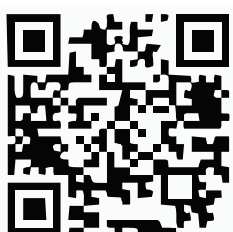
What are the side effects? *Like other vaccines, potential side effects tend to be mild and temporary. Common potential side effects include headache, fever, soreness and redness at the site of administration. Individuals who are allergic to yeast should not receive the HPV vaccine. There are no long-term side effects associated with the HPV vaccine.*

When should your children/teenagers be vaccinated? *Starting at age 9. If they receive the HPV vaccine before the age of 15, only two doses are needed. Between the ages of 15 to 26, three doses are needed over a 6-month period. The earlier the better!*

Is it safe? *More than 270 million doses of the HPV vaccine have been given in the world with nearly half of them being administered in the United States. More than 100 studies including millions of people have shown that the HPV vaccine is safe.*

Do not succumb to fear. Go to science. Talk to your children's pediatrician or health care provider. Be diligent and you will find that the HPV vaccine is safe, effective, and it will not harm your children.

Dr. Butch Busby



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Protect your children from six cancers for the rest of their lives with the **HPV vaccine**

**The HPV Virus is Associated with
6 Different Types of Cancer**

3 Affect Women . **1** Affects Men . **2** Affect Women and Men.

**When should your
children/teenagers
be vaccinated?**

Starting at **age 9**. If vaccinated for HPV **before the age of 15**, two doses are needed. Following their 15th birthday, and up to 26 years of age, three doses are needed over **6 months**. The earlier the better!

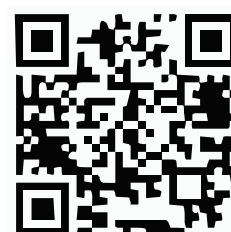


If we want to protect ourselves and our community, it is our responsibility to educate others. Chambers County can set an example for other communities.

Mrs. Allyson Matthews
Principal, East John P. Powell Magnet School

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Students at Valley and LaFayette High Schools Have Come Together to Spread the Word on the Importance of Protection against Ever Having HPV-Related Cancers

Why are they working on this educational campaign? Because Chambers County has the highest rate of cervical cancer in the State of Alabama – a cancer that can be prevented from EVER happening.

How can cervical cancer be prevented? Cervical cancer is caused by the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). Children and adolescents can receive the HPV vaccine to protect them from ever being infected with this virus.

Women can be screened for cervical cancer BEFORE the cancer develops. Thus, with HPV vaccination and screening, cervical cancer can be completely eliminated in Chambers County.

Can HPV also cause other cancers? Apart from cervical cancer, the HPV virus can cause five other cancers. Two of these other cancers affect women alone, one affects men alone, and two affect women and men.

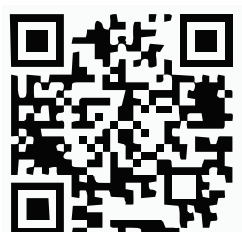
If you have a **child or adolescent** between the ages of **11 and 18** attending the **Chambers County Schools** who has not received the HPV vaccination, there is an opportunity for them to receive the **HPV vaccine** on **March 13th** and **May 8th**.



The **vaccine** will be administered by **Registered Nurses** and **school nurses** will be present. However, children and adolescents must have **parental permission** to receive the vaccine. Be on the lookout for consent forms that will be sent to parents of eligible children/adolescents attending the **Chambers County School District** schools.

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DID YOU KNOW?...

That there is a **virus** that **causes some cancers**?
That **you can protect your children** from these cancers?

YES, YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN...

HPV is a virus
that causes **cervical cancer** as
well as five other cancers in **men and women**.

There is a safe and effective vaccine, called the **HPV vaccine**,
that **prevents these cancers**.

For more information regarding the **HPV vaccination** at
the **Chambers County Schools** contact the school nurses.



**I think it is important for
children and adults to get the
HPV vaccine because you
have one life and you need to
take care of your body.**

Ms. Janie Arnold
Health Science Teacher at VHS

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