

# OPERATION WIPE OUT

*cervical  
cancer*  
ALABAMA

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ELIMINATE CERVICAL CANCER IN ALABAMA?

It takes 3 steps:

1



### HPV VACCINE

Give the HPV  
vaccination to  
children and  
young adults  
aged 9-26

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### SCREENING

Get regular  
HPV/Pap test to  
screen for  
cervical cancer  
beginning at  
age 21

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### FOLLOW-UP/ TREATMENT

If your HPV/Pap  
test is abnormal,  
go back to your  
doctor/health  
care provider for  
a follow-up  
appointment

WE CAN END CERVICAL  
CANCER IN OUR LIFETIME



# I am a Parent

## What Can I Do To Wipe Out Cervical Cancer In Alabama?



Watch the 35-minute video **"Conquering Cancer in Alabama"**

**Gather the facts** about the **HPV vaccination** and don't rely on social media



**Discuss HPV vaccination** with your child's doctor/health care provider



**Talk to parents** whose children have received the vaccine

**Consider HPV vaccination** to prevent cervical and other HPV-associated cancers for your child (ages **9 - 18** especially)

- **Make an appointment** with your child's health care provider or County Health Department to receive the HPV vaccine. If you do not have health insurance, **Vaccines for Children (VFC)** provides free HPV vaccine to children and adolescents (boys and girls aged **9 - 18**)
- Make sure your child **receives both doses** (6 - 12 months apart) if they are between the ages of 9 and 14. If age 15 or older make sure your child **receives all three doses** (1 - 2 months, then 6 months after first dose)



Don't forget to **make an appointment** for your routine cervical cancer screening

- Ask your doctor if it is time for your **cervical cancer screening**
- If you do not have health insurance call **1-877-252-3324** or your County Health Department to schedule a **free cervical cancer screening**

If your **cervical cancer screening** results were not normal, make sure to **go to your follow-up appointment** with your doctor/health care provider. If you have missed your follow-up appointment, be sure to schedule an appointment. It may save your life

**Share this information** with your family, friends, school, church, etc.; spread the word

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