

The HPV vaccine is safe, effective, and provided at no cost to most Alabamian residents.



#### FULL DOSE

The HPV vaccine offers the best protection to boys and girls who complete all the recommended HPV vaccination doses.



#### EFFECTIVE

Studies have shown that this vaccine provides almost 100% protection against the types of HPV it target.



#### SAFE

The HPV vaccine went through years of extensive safety testing before licensed by the Food and Drug Administration.



#### SIDE EFFECTS

Short-term side effects are the ones common to most injectable vaccines: sore arm or itching at the site of injection, headache, high temperature, shivery, feeling sick (nausea). There are no long-term side effects.



#### NO COST

It is covered by most health insurance plans. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides vaccines for children 9 - 18 years of age who are eligible .

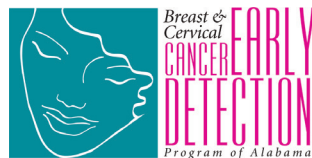
### Where can I get the HPV vaccine?

Talk to your doctor or go to your county health department to get the HPV vaccine. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps families of eligible children by providing it at no cost to children 9 - 18 of age. Eligible children are those who are uninsured, Medicaid-eligible, or are American Indian/Alaska Native.



### Where can I get screened for cervical cancer?

Free cervical cancer screening and treatment for those who have an abnormal HPV/Pap test is available through The Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (ABCCEDP). Eligible women are those age 40 to 64 who have no insurance and a low income. For more information, please contact your local county health department.



[www.alabamapublichealth.gov/imm](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/imm)

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VACCINATION IS KEY!  
WIPE OUT HPV!

### DID YOU KNOW THAT CERVICAL CANCER CAN BE PREVENTED WITH A VACCINE?

Partnering to Prevent and **WIPE OUT** Cervical Cancer is a partnership between ADPH's Immunization Division and **Operation WIPE OUT Cervical Cancer Alabama**.

This collaborative effort aims to raise awareness on the significance of the HPV vaccine as protection against cervical cancer in Alabama.



## The HPV Vaccine is a Protection against Cancer

At the **Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)**, Alabama's health is job #1. One way to safeguard the health of all Alabamians is to offer the HPV vaccination to eliminate cervical cancer.

Nearly all cases of cervical cancer are caused by the HPV infection. The HPV infection can also cause other cancers, including head and neck, penile, anal, vaginal, and vulvar cancer. The HPV vaccination **prevents** the HPV infection that causes cervical cancer.

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## What is HPV?

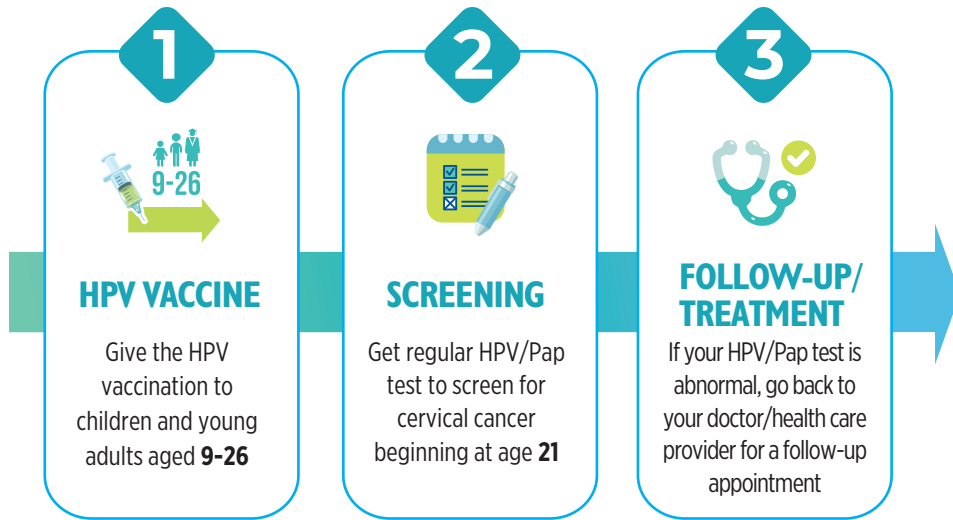
HPV is a virus that causes cervical cancer. It can also cause other cancers including head, neck, penile, anal, vaginal, and vulvar cancer. Almost everyone will get HPV in their lifetime. For most people, the virus goes away, but for some it persists over time and can turn into cancer.



## What is cervical cancer?




Cervical cancer affects the cervix, which is part of the female organs. All women, regardless of race, address, place of birth, income, or education, are at risk of developing cervical cancer. Cervical cancer is different from many other cancers in that it can be **prevented with the HPV vaccination**.

**OPERATION WIPE OUT** is a statewide effort to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem in Alabama through **3 steps**:



## What is the HPV vaccine?

The HPV vaccine prevents the HPV virus which causes cervical cancer. It is recommended for all **boys and girls 9 and 26**. Adults age **27 - 45** can also receive the HPV vaccine based on discussion with their health care provider.

CHILDREN	ADOLESCENTS	ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS
 9-12 years of age	 Between 13 and 14 years of age	 Between 15 and 26 years of age
<b>2 DOSES</b>	<b>2 DOSES</b>	<b>3 DOSES</b>

**The earlier a child receives the HPV vaccine, the better!**

Talk to your doctor or go to the county health department and get the vaccine for you and your children today.

For more information, visit [www.operationwipeout.org](http://www.operationwipeout.org)



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