

# What Dads need to know about HPV

Understanding  
the facts about  
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and deciding if  
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## What is HPV?

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common virus that affects both females and males. Certain types of HPV can cause genital warts and cancers.

## Are my kids at risk for genital HPV?

Anyone who has *any kind* of sexual activity with genital contact may be exposed to HPV.

## What are the HPV Vaccines?

The vaccines are a three-shot series to protect against diseases caused by many types of HPV. The vaccines can prevent both short-term and long-term diseases caused by HPV.

## Is the vaccine safe and effective?

**Yes.** The vaccine is for girls and women aged 9 – 26 years. The vaccine works best if given before your child has any sexual contact.

## What can I do?

Talk to your child's healthcare provider to find out if now is the time for your child to be vaccinated against HPV.



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