

# Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

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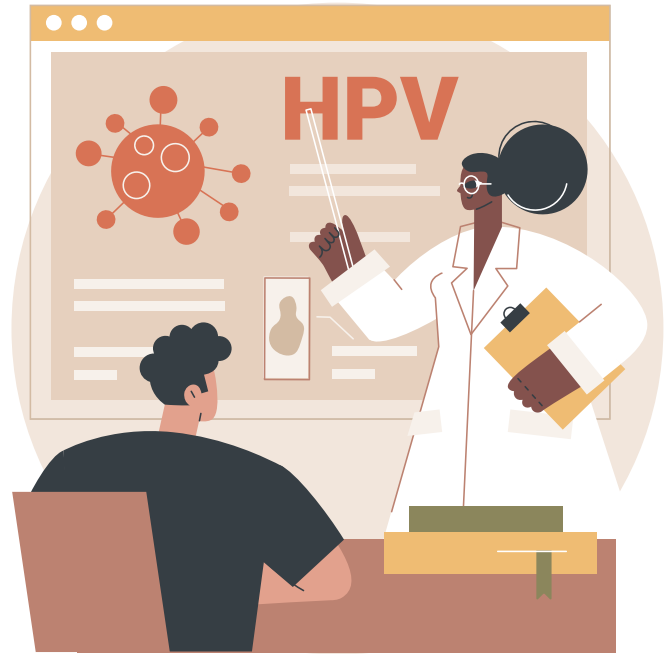
## What is HPV?

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a commonly transmitted virus that can cause certain cancers later in life.

There is no way to know who will develop cancer or other health problems from HPV infection. However, HPV vaccination could prevent more than 90% of the estimated 33,700 cases of cancer attributable to HPV infection that are diagnosed each year in the U.S. According to the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Asian and Pacific Islander women are 20% less likely to be immunized against HPV compared to non-Hispanic White women (2015 data).

## Where do I get the vaccine?

Contact your local community-based organization, healthcare provider, community health center, Rural Health Center, and/or Native Hawaiian Health Center to find an HPV vaccine near you or for additional assistance.



## Who should get the vaccine?

HPV vaccination is recommended for all children 11-12 years of age but everyone 26 and younger should get vaccinated if they haven't been already. Depending on your age you may need 2 or 3 doses to be fully vaccinated.

The vaccine is very safe, with over 15 years of monitoring and research.

For more health-related information, please visit [apiahf.org](http://apiahf.org) or email us at [communityengagement@apiahf.org](mailto:communityengagement@apiahf.org).

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