

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM NEWS BULLETIN

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The news bulletin serves to keep you aware of emerging VFC program, vaccine and vaccine-preventable disease updates.

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**[ROUTINELY RECOMMEND]
CANCER PREVENTION**

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month!

What can you do to mark this occasion? Something you can do regularly to prevent cervical cancer is vaccinate your patients against HPV. Every year in the United States, HPV causes 10,800 cases of cervical cancer. You hold the key to preventing cancer for your patients!

Cervical cancer is just the tip of the iceberg. Every year in the United States, there are nearly 300,000 cases of high-grade cervical lesions, which may require invasive testing and treatment. HPV also causes cancers of the vagina and vulva in women; cancers of the penis in men; and cancers of the anus and oropharynx (back of the throat) in men and women. In total, HPV causes 33,700 cases of cancer in men and women every year in the U.S. HPV vaccination could prevent more than 90% of these cancers, 31,200 cases every year, from developing.

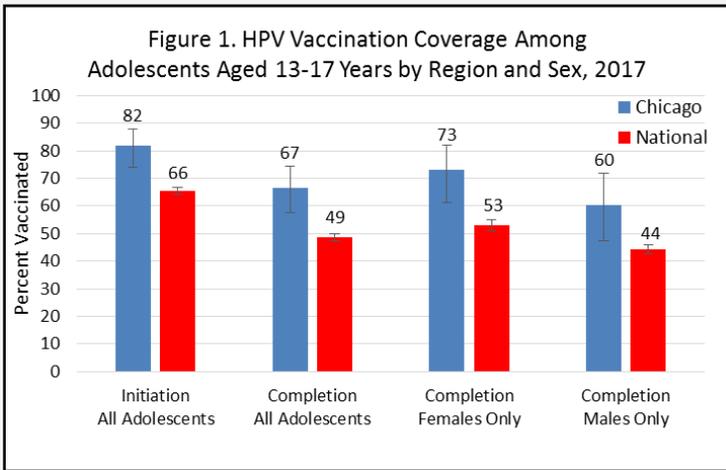
Recommend HPV vaccine for all preteens. The recommended age range to start the HPV vaccination series is 11-12 years old. We urge you to recommend it the “same way, same day” as you recommend Tdap and meningococcal vaccines.

- The CDC has [resources](#) on vaccine schedules and recommendations.
- Check out CDC's [Talking to Parents about HPV Vaccine](#) resource to find effective ways to answer the questions that parents have about HPV vaccination.
- Get CME credit and learn how practicing pediatricians effectively communicate about HPV vaccine in CDC's new CME “[Routinely Recommending Cancer Prevention: HPV Vaccination at 11 and 12 as a Standard of Care.](#)”

Ensure consistent messages about HPV vaccination importance. Get your whole office or organization involved in HPV cancer prevention through communicating effectively with parents and partners about HPV vaccination and implementing systems to ensure all preteens are vaccinated.

- Check out CDC's article on [5 Ways to Boost Your HPV Vaccination Rates](#) for practical and proven strategies that you can implement in your office.
- See how practicing pediatricians make effective HPV vaccine recommendations, answer common questions from parents, and get the whole office on board in recommending cancer prevention in [CDC's #HowIRecommend video series.](#)





Chicago's HPV Vaccine Coverage Progress

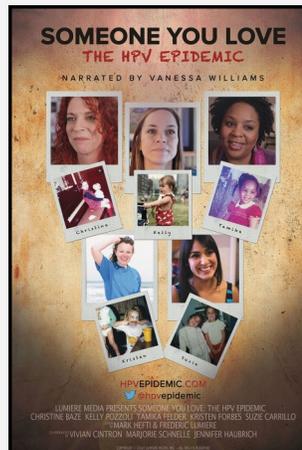
The work isn't over, but Chicago is making great progress! Chicago teens have never been better protected against HPV and the cancers it causes. Results

from the National Immunization Survey-Teen (NIS-Teen) indicate that in 2017, 82% of Chicago teens aged 13-17 had received at least one HPV vaccine and 67% of Chicago teens had completed the HPV vaccine series. HPV vaccination coverage for both series initiation and completion is overall 16 percentage points higher than national coverage. Let's continue to increase HPV vaccine coverage!

Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic

CDPH would like to recognize the Minority Association of Premedical Students and UChicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center for observing Cervical Cancer Awareness month by holding a screening of Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic followed by a Q and A panel.

Interested in learning more about HPV and how it impacts the lives of real people or want to hold a viewing of your own? Visit <https://www.hpvepidemic.com/> for more information.



CDC HPV Resources

CDC [resources](#) are available to assist in educating parents on the burden of disease associated with HPV and the benefits of vaccination.

- Share CDC's new graphics on [6 Reasons to Get the HPV vaccine for Your Child](#) with parents to educate them on the benefits of the HPV vaccine.

Want to learn more? Have a parent that needs more information to make their decision? Want some posters to encourage vaccination? The CDC has all of this, and more!

- Handouts for [Parents](#)
- [Posters](#) (in English and Spanish)
- [Facts and Brochures](#)



Thank you for protecting children every day!

Next up for the Chicago VFC Program

Don't forget to register for an In-Person Chicago VFC and I-CARE Training! 10:00-11:30am. *Click on a date to register.*

- [January 30th](#) (at 2160 W Ogden Ave)
- [February 6th](#) (at 1642 N Besly Ct)
- [February 20th](#) (at 2160 W Ogden Ave)

VFC program re-enrollment will be available in I-CARE around March 1st. Be on the look out for future bulletins in February outlining re-enrollment instructions and deadlines.

We are working to secure meeting spaces for the VFC regional meetings in April and May. Look for meeting and registration information in March.

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