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- Information on each immunization recommended for your child
- Frequently asked questions
- Videos from pediatricians on immunization safety, effectiveness and Ohio disease rates

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The Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Ohio AAP) promotes the health, safety and well-being of children and adolescents so they may reach their full potential. The Ohio AAP accomplishes this by addressing the needs of children, their families, and their communities, and by supporting Chapter members through advocacy, education, research, service, and improving the systems through which they deliver pediatric care.



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*Did you know?*

**You can vaccinate your son or daughter against cancer!**



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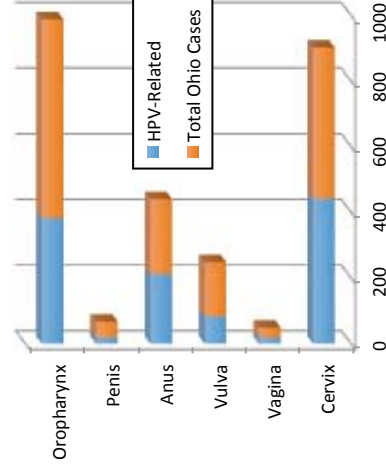


## THE HPV IMMUNIZATION IS CANCER PREVENTION

The human papillomavirus (HPV) can cause many different types of cancer in both boys and girls. Each year, 27,000 men and women are affected by a HPV-related cancer.

It is estimated that the average number of men and women in Ohio diagnosed with a HPV-related cancer each year is more than 1,100. HPV immunization can prevent the majority of cervical cancers as well protect against the virus types that cause head and neck cancers in both **males and females**.

### Annual HPV-Associated Cancers in Ohio (2008-2012)

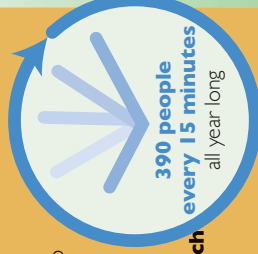


Source: Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System,  
Ohio Department of Health, 2015

## WHAT IS HPV?

HPV (human papillomavirus) is a group of more than **150 viruses** that are spread through sexual contact and impact both boys and girls. **About**

**14 million people in the US become infected with HPV each year** and some infections can lead to cancer in both **men and woman**.

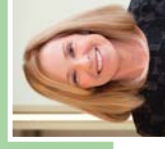


## WHY AGE 11-12?

The HPV immunization is a series of three vaccines that is best administered to **boys and girls at 11-12 years old**. The HPV immunization is most effective when administered prior to exposure and produces a higher immune response in preteens than it does in older teens and young men and women.



*"As a pediatrician, I recommend the HPV vaccine to all boys and girls because I believe in the importance of this cancer-preventing vaccine. The AAP, CDC, and many other organizations agree that getting the HPV is safe and very important to protect your child from the devastating effects of cancer. My grandchildren have received this immunization and your children should, too. Talk to your child's doctor about this important immunization."*



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The **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)**, **American Association of Family Physicians (AAFP)** and **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** recommend the HPV immunization to protect adolescents against HPV-related cancers, along with immunizations against whooping cough and meningococcal disease. All three immunizations are safe to be given at the 11-12 year-old well child visit.

