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The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a decline of pediatric visits and fewer routine vaccines being administered. Now is an excellent time to catch up on those vaccines! Many of them can be administered at the same time as COVID-19 vaccinations or at routine check-ups.



### ***What is HPV?***

HPV (human papillomavirus) is a group of more than 200 viruses, some of which cause cervical, oral, and anal cancers. An estimated 85% of people will get an HPV infection in their life. Getting vaccinated can help prevent not only an HPV infection, but also many HPV-related cancers.

### ***Why is the HPV vaccination important?***

Getting vaccinated can help prevent HPV infection and many HPV-related cancers. Vaccinations are one of the best ways to protect your child and the community from serious diseases.

### ***Who should get the HPV vaccine?***

The vaccine can be given as early as 9 years of age. While vaccination is not recommended for everyone older than 26, some people up to 45 years of age may benefit from the protection offered by the HPV vaccine.

***For more information:*** Reach out to your healthcare provider today to see if you or your child needs and HPV vaccine. View the [CDC's Vaccines for Your Children webpage](#) to see when your child's HPV vaccination is due.



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