



## Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

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Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection, with some strains causing genital warts and cancers. Early HPV vaccination and regular screening can aid in preventing cervical cancer and mitigating the disease's detrimental outcomes.

In Measurement Year (MY) 2021, our HPV vaccination rates for adolescents by age 13 were at 46.44%, marking a decrease from the MY2020 rate of 52.55%.

### How can you help?

1. HPV vaccination should ideally commence for both girls and boys at ages 11 or 12 but can be administered effectively as early as age 9.
2. Take advantage of any office visit to administer vaccines.
3. Schedule the next appointment before the member leaves the office.
4. Follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [immunization schedule](#) for adolescents.

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