

## Mayo Clinic Minute: Why your preteen needs the HPV vaccine

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Gregory Poland, M.D. Vaccine Research Group Mayo Clinic	"Essentially, every sexually active person in the U.S. will be infected with the virus."
	While most infections will resolve on their own, some may cause a variety of warts or cancer.
	"Almost all of the oral cancers are caused by HPV. Almost all of the cervical cancers, vaginal cancers, anal cancers, penile cancers — these are preventable."
	Preventable with a highly effective vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends two doses of the HPV vaccine for 11- and 12-year-old boys and girls.
	"You can start as young as 9 years old. The typical time to give it is as you're entering into adolescence, in that 11-, 12-year-old time frame."
	The point is to immunize and protect children before they become sexually active.
	"There's a vaccine that will protect them from a lifelong infection, and it's safe and effective."
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Joel Streed.