A PATH TO PREVENTION:

HPV Vaccination Prevents Cancer

HPV, or human papillomavirus, is a common virus linked to six types of cancer.

These cancers can affect anyone. Four out of five people will get HPV during their lifetime. Every year, more than 37,000 people in the U.S. are found to have cancer caused by HPV.

Getting the HPV vaccine is easy. But not enough young people are receiving this life-saving vaccine.

The Healthy People 2030 target goal is to vaccinate at least 80% of children.

In 2021, just more than half of children in the United States had been vaccinated for HPV.

HPV vaccination protects against more than 90% of HPV cancers.

Receiving the HPV vaccine is:

SAFE
The vaccine has a strong safety record. It has been monitored for and in use in the United States for since 2006.

EFFECTIVE
The vaccine has greatly reduced HPV infections and prevented HPV cancers.

LONG-LASTING
The vaccine protection has not decreased over time.

Some children have not received the vaccine because of where they live or their family status. For example, fewer children in rural areas have received the HPV vaccine compared to those in urban areas.