Stick It to HPV – Prevent Cancer

Human papillomavirus affects nearly 80 million Americans, making it the most common infection in the country. HPV can cause cervical cancer as well as cancers of the head and neck, throat, vulva, vagina, penis or anus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends boys and girls age 11-12 receive the two-dose HPV vaccine six to 12 months apart. The vaccine protects preteens before they are exposed to the virus. The FDA-approved vaccine may be given to children as young as 9.

HPV = 150+ different viruses
HPV spreads through skin-to-skin contact
80 million Americans infected with HPV
20 million people become newly infected each year

Kansas and Missouri are among states with the lowest vaccination rates in the nation
• 50.9% of girls and 36% of boys in Kansas
• 59.3% of girls and 44.7% of boys in Missouri

62.8% of girls vaccinated nationwide
10% of the population has oral HPV, which can cause cancers of the throat, tonsils and tongue
33,000+ HPV-associated cancers occur in the U.S. each year
80% of people get HPV sexually transmitted infections at some point in their lives

Stick it to HPV. Vaccinate your preteen boys and girls at age 11 or 12. Talk to your pediatrician or primary care doctor to learn more.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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