HPV VACCINE: Long-Lasting Cancer Protection

Vaccination prevents over 90% of cancers caused by HPV



*Oropharyngeal cancer is in the back of the throat, including the tonsils and base of the tongue.

The HPV vaccine offers future cancer protection for everyone.

> Preventable Cancers Caused by HPV:

> > OROPHARYNGEAL

Earlier Vaccination is Better.



Two doses of HPV vaccine are recommended for **children starting at age 9**.

When given earlier, HPV vaccine has a better



immune response.⁴

Teens and adults (15-45) can still receive vaccination, but will require **three doses.**^{5,6}

Consult your health care provider for more information.

To learn more about the HPV vaccine and other immunization services in Washington, visit **www.doh.wa.gov/hpv.**

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