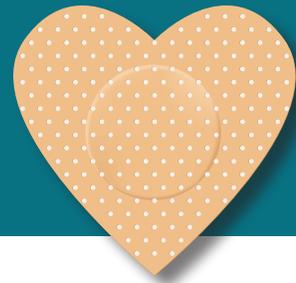


Indiana ranks 33rd in the country for vaccinating our adolescents against HPV. We need your help.



Dear Indiana Medical Provider:

The Indiana Department of Health, in partnership with the Indiana Immunization Coalition, the American Cancer Society, and multiple community organizations are working to reduce the cancer burden in Indiana through increased prevention.

This initiative focuses on the human papilloma virus (HPV) and increasing the vaccination rate throughout the state of Indiana. HPV infection can cause cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers in women and penile cancer in men. HPV can also cause anal cancer, oropharyngeal cancer, and genital warts in men and women. More than 90% of HPV cancers can be prevented when boys and girls receive the HPV vaccine series at ages 9-12. This cancer-preventing vaccine provides safe, effective, and long-lasting protection.

The HPV vaccine is cancer prevention, but vaccination rates continue to fall far below rates of other routinely recommended vaccines for adolescents across the state. In 2019 and 2020, Adolescents in Indiana over 60% of the 11–12-year-old adolescents were vaccinated for Tdap while only 11% of the 11–12-year-old adolescents had received more than 1 dose of HPV. That's why we need your help. As a provider, you are empowered to assist in cancer prevention efforts by talking to parents or guardians about the importance of the vaccine and reducing the risk of HPV related cancers. Research consistently shows that a provider's recommendation to vaccinate is the single most influential factor in convincing parents to vaccinate their children.

Indiana is 15th in the country for vaccinating our adolescents with MenACWY but 33rd for vaccinating against HPV.

With your continued participation in this initiative, together we can reduce the burden of cancer in Indiana. Thank you for your time and attention to this important initiative!



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