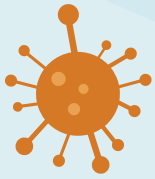
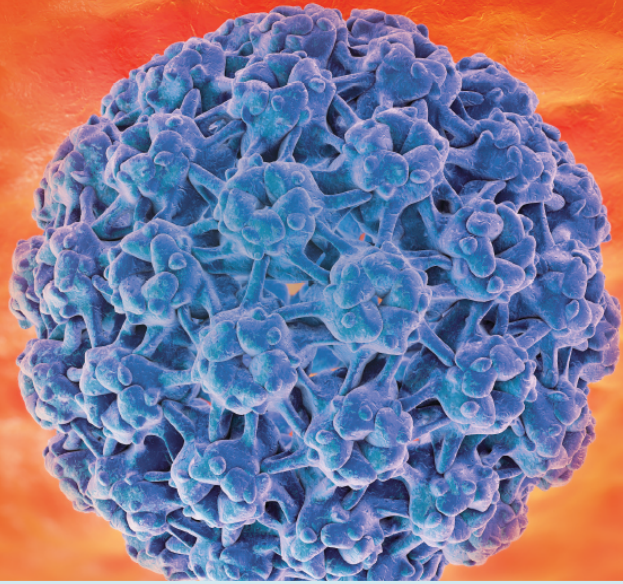


What you need to know about the HPV VACCINE



The virus

Human papillomavirus, or HPV, is a group of 150+ related viruses. HPV causes more than 30,000 cases of cancer each year.

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The vaccine

The FDA-approved vaccine is recommended in a two-dose series up to the age of 15 and in three doses for older teens and young adults.



The age range

The HPV vaccine is for boys and girls ages 11-12. Catch-up vaccination is also recommended up to age 26 if the vaccine was missed at the recommended time.

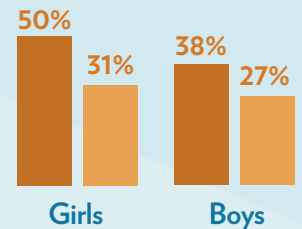


The importance

The vaccine protects against HPV types that cause most cervical cancers and some cancers of the anus, vulva, vagina and oropharynx.

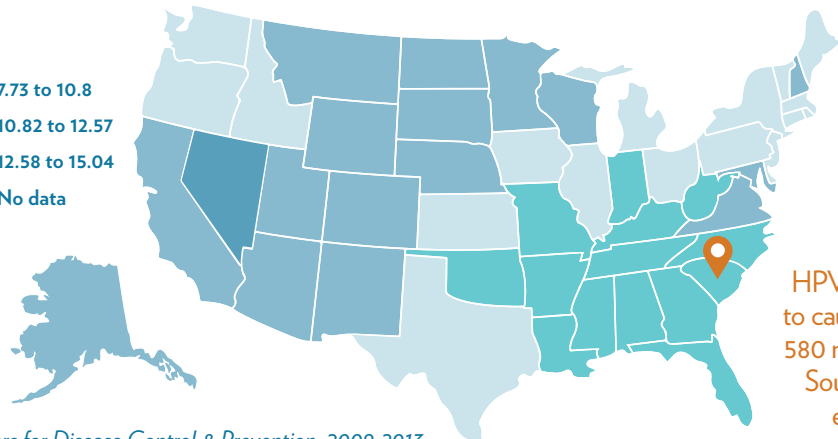
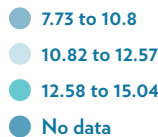
Vaccination rates in South Carolina continue to fall below national averages.

In **South Carolina**, HPV vaccination rates for **girls** are 19% lower than **national rates** and 11% lower for **boys**.



If you could protect a loved one against HPV-related cancer, would you?

HPV-associated cancer rates by state



HPV is estimated to cause more than 580 new cancers in South Carolina each year.

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