



First Nations Health Authority  
Health through wellness

## THE HPV VACCINE IS FREE FOR ALL YOUTH IN BC AGES 9–18.

### Where it's offered:

- At schools starting in Grade 6 (as part of routine school vaccines).
- Community health centres and clinics.
- Pharmacies.

Some young adults ages 19–26 may also be eligible for the free vaccine.

Check [healthlinkbc.ca/HPV](https://healthlinkbc.ca/HPV) for up-to-date eligibility info or ask a care provider.

## PASS ON THE KNOWLEDGE. PROTECT FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Start a conversation with your health care provider on ways to prevent cancers caused by HPV.



LEARN MORE AT  
[FNHA.CA/HPV](https://FNHA.CA/HPV)



## FOR YOU, YOUR FUTURE, YOUR COMMUNITY.

**3 things to know about  
HPV and cancer.**



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# 01



## **HPV IS A VIRUS THAT CAN CAUSE 6 TYPES OF CANCER.**

HPV stands for Human Papillomavirus.

While many HPV infections go away on their own, some can lead to cancers later in life.

This includes cancers of the throat, cervix, penis, anus, vulva and vagina.

Each year, HPV leads to 630,000 cases of cancer worldwide and thousands of illnesses in BC.

# 02



## **HPV CAN IMPACT ALL GENDERS AND COMMUNITIES.**

HPV is very common and can affect anyone.

Without vaccination, about 3 out of 4 people will get HPV at some point in their lives.

Many people don't know they have HPV because it often has no symptoms.

It can be passed through close skin-to-skin contact and sexual activity.

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## **THROUGH VACCINES AND WELLNESS PRACTICES, WE CAN PREVENT HPV.**

The HPV vaccine is over 95% effective at preventing cancers caused by HPV.

It works best for youth, who build stronger immunity and get protected before any contact with the virus.

Over 200 million doses of the vaccine have been given safely worldwide.

Health checks, wellness practices, and cultural supports can also help you and your community stay well.