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HPV VACCINE

All you need to know

Improve. Prevent. Protect.

Human papilloma virus, also known as HPV, is a common virus.

If you get HPV, you are more at risk of certain cancers such as cervical cancer, mouth and throat cancer, and cancer of the genitals. HPV can also cause genital warts.

The best way to be protected from HPV is to get vaccinated. The vaccine is offered to you in year 8 at school. This vaccine is given to year 8 students all over the world reducing the spread of HPV and saving hundreds of lives each year.

Nurses will attend your school and give you the vaccine in your upper arm. The vaccine is called Gardasil 9 and it protects you against the types of HPV that cause cancer and genital warts.

The vaccine takes a matter of seconds to give and will be done in a private booth at school. As with most vaccines the side effects are mild. You may have a slightly sore arm which usually wears off quickly.





The vaccine protects both boys and girls.

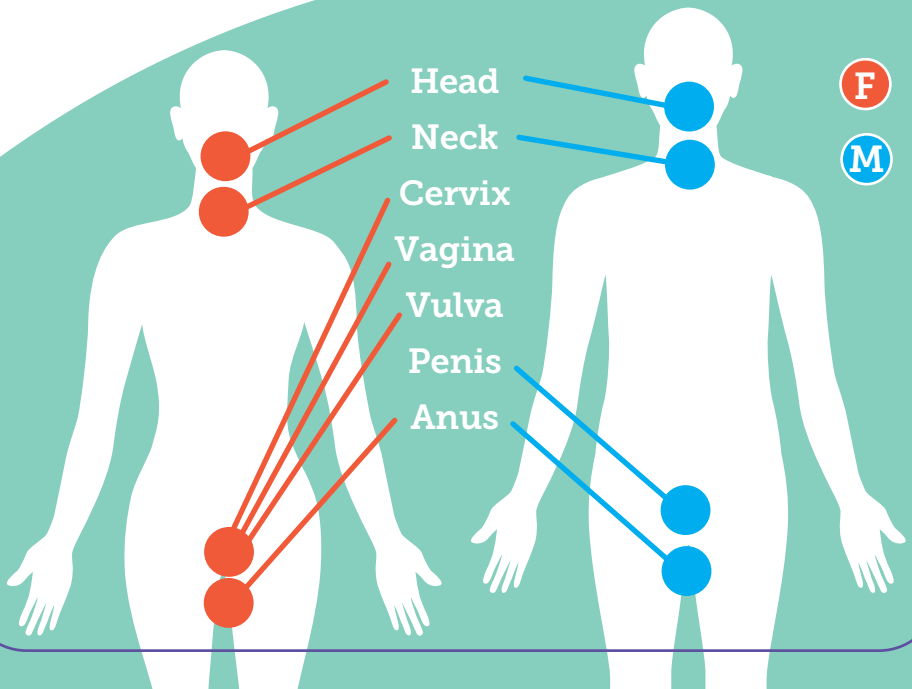
It is given in year 8 as it is most effective if given prior to becoming sexually active, however, if you are already sexually active, you should still get the vaccine.

Unlike other sexually transmitted diseases condoms do not protect you from HPV as the virus lives on the skin.

The vaccine does not protect you from other sexually transmitted infections so please practice safe sex!

If you miss your HPV vaccine in school, you can get in touch to arrange to have it at a catch-up clinic at the Hospital.

Protects against 9 types of HPV which cause the following cancers



If you would like to know more about the vaccine, please contact the Immunisation Team on **443741** or at **childhealthadmin@health.gov.je**

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