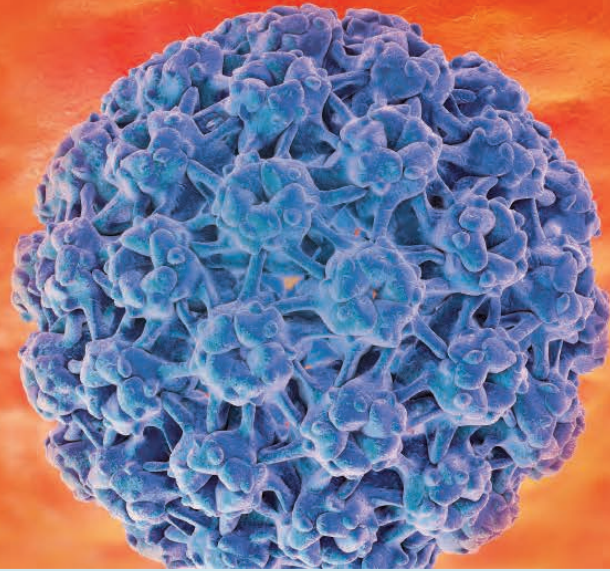


## What you need to know about the **HPV VACCINE**



### 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.

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

In **South Carolina**, HPV vaccination rates are 6% lower than **national rates** for both boys and girls.



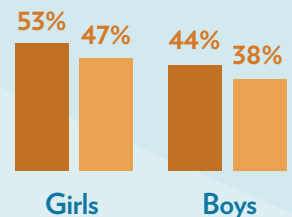
### The age range

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

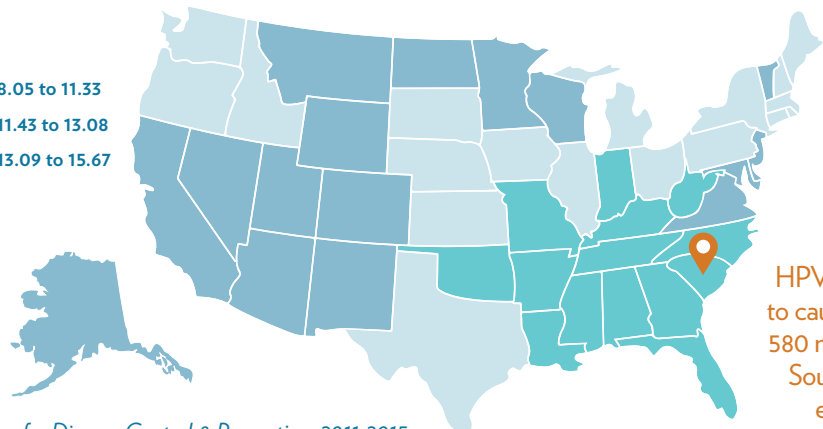
The vaccine protects against HPV types that cause most cervical cancers and some cancers of the anus, vulva, vagina and oropharynx.



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

### HPV-associated cancer rates by state

- 8.05 to 11.33
- 11.43 to 13.08
- 13.09 to 15.67



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

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