5 reasons to vaccinate girls against human papillomavirus (HPV)

1. Every hour in the Region of the Americas, four women die from cervical cancer, a disease caused by HPV. Most people will become infected with HPV during their lifetime.

2. The HPV vaccine is safe and effective. One dose protects girls against cervical cancer.

3. It is most effective to administer the vaccine to girls between 9 and 14 years of age. This will protect them against this common sexually transmitted virus before they become sexually active.

4. The HPV vaccine prevents other types of cancer and sexually transmitted warts caused by HPV.

5. The HPV vaccine can be received at the same time as other vaccines.

HPV vaccination protects against cervical cancer. Girls 9 to 14 years old can be vaccinated at your nearest health center.

The best way to prevent HPV is to get vaccinated.


*Check with your healthcare provider for the recommended vaccine, as the single-dose schedule depends on the type of vaccine available in each country.