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CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers Webinar

Please join CDPH tomorrow from 9:00AM - 10:30AM for the CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers webinar, which occurs every other week. In addition to our usual updates, special guest Stefanie Medlin from the CDPH Medical Countermeasures Unit, Center for Infectious Diseases will provide an update on the at-home COVID-19 testing program.

Please ensure someone from your staff attends to hear relevant and timely updates.

Tomorrow, Friday, April 5, 2024, from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Register for the webinar using this [registration link](#).

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VFA Office Hours

Are you an existing provider with questions about the VFA program in myCAvax? You are invited to join CDPH for a 30-minute VFA Office Hours session, with an opportunity for Q&A with CDPH.

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM (PT).

Register for the webinar using this [registration link](#).

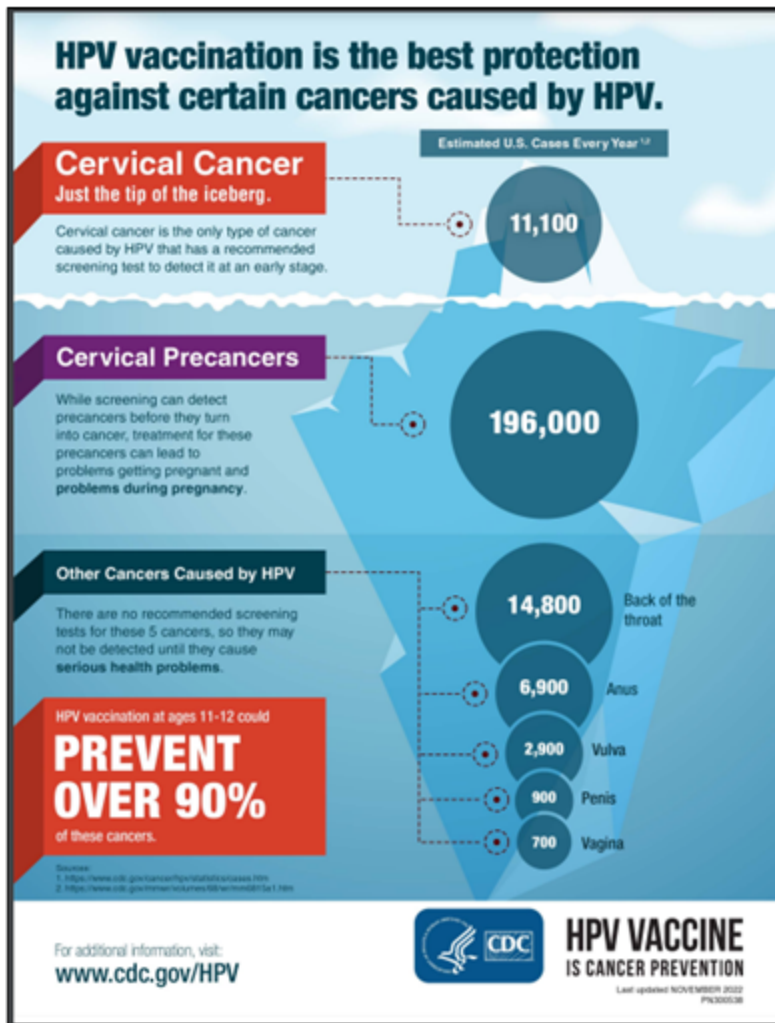
April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month!

Did you know? An estimated [70% of oral cancers are attributed to the human papillomavirus](#) (HPV). Moreover, in recent years, HPV oral cancers have surpassed cervical cancer as the most prevalent type of HPV cancer. HPV oral cancers can affect both males and females.

The latest data indicate that HPV vaccination coverage is [not keeping pace](#) with other adolescent vaccines like Tdap and MenACWY. Bundle your recommendation for all adolescent vaccines, including HPV vaccine, in the same way, on the same day. You can start the vaccine discussion with, *“Now that your child is 11, they need three vaccines to help protect against meningitis, HPV cancers, and whooping cough. We’ll give these shots during today’s visit. Do you have any questions about these vaccines?”*

The HPV vaccine prevents 6 types of HPV cancers including cervical, oral, anal, vulvar, vaginal, and penile.

During Oral Cancer Awareness Month and throughout the year, ensure that all of your clinic and front office staff have talking points to support parents in deciding to choose a vaccine that prevents cancer!



Recommended Resources for Your Staff and Patients

For Staff

California HPV Vaccination Recommendation

“ En 2018, mientras cuidaba a mis abejas, me picaron en el cuello y después que la hinchazón disminuyó, noté un bulto. Después de rondas de antibióticos, pruebas, y una biopsia, no concluyente me hicieron una disección del cuello que descubrió un carcinoma de células escamosas que originó en mi amígdala. La biopsia, confirmó p 16, que es un marcador de cáncer causado por el VPH. **¿Sabías que la vacuna contra el VPH puede provenir 6 tipos de cáncer?** Si es cierto, al vacunar a su hijo puede proteger su futuro contra estos 6 tipos de cáncer más adelante en la vida.

Ada Valdes
Sobreviviente del Cáncer Oral relacionado con el VPH

www.cancer.org/vph

California HPV Vaccination Recommendation

“ This is a diagnosis I'd never heard of when diagnosed at the age of 44. I had no symptoms, simply a small bump of my neck that appeared out of nowhere. It turned out there was cancer in my tonsil that had spread to my lymph nodes... **The majority of people will be exposed to HPV in their lifetime and you have the ability to protect your kids from preventable cancer.** Millions of doses of the [HPV] vaccine were missed during the pandemic. Please speak with your kid's pediatrician today. You can protect them.

Jason Mendelsohn
HPV-related Tonsil Cancer Survivor

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- [Hey! Did You Know? poster for preteens and teens](#) (bilingual)
- [Matthew's HPV Story](#) (written) A teen boy describes learning about his dad's oral cancer diagnosis, treatment, and journey. He realizes that the HPV vaccine he's getting will protect against exactly what his father has been going through.
- New! [Ada's HPV Testimonial](#) (1 minute video) (also in [Spanish](#))

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