HPV Is Out There.

Make Sure Your Teen Is Protected.

Increasingly teens and young adults are being infected with the human papillomavirus (HPV). This highly contagious virus infects 14 million new people each year in the United States. HPV is contracted through sexual contact and can be passed along even when the carrier is not exhibiting symptoms of HPV.

The results can be serious for both men and women. Certain HPV strains can cause head, neck, throat, cervical, vaginal, anal and penile cancers and genital warts.

Even if your teen is not sexually active, they should be protected. 79 million Americans are currently infected with HPV and the number is growing every day. There is no test to determine if males are infected with HPV and often carriers do not show symptoms, causing the spread of HPV.

The HPV vaccine is safe and effective. The vaccine is not a live vaccination, so your child will not be infected with HPV. The immunization can protect your child from serious consequences of this prevalent disease.

Cost is not a barrier to vaccination. Children ages 18 and younger who do not have insurance or whose insurance does not cover vaccines are eligible to receive free HPV vaccinations through participating Vaccines for Children Program providers or their county health department.

Talk to your child's health care provider today about the HPV vaccine and safeguarding your child's shot record in Florida SHOTS, the statewide online immunization registry.

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