One more thing your kids will thank you for later.

The HPV vaccine is cancer prevention.

HPV is the human papilloma virus.

HPV can cause cervical and other cancers. Many of these cancers take years, even decades, to develop after a person gets HPV.

There is no way to know which people who have HPV will develop cancer or other health problems. People with weak immune systems may be less able to fight off HPV and more likely to develop health problems from it.

The HPV vaccine helps prevent types of HPV infection that can lead to cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the vaccine series should begin at age 11–12 years for boys and girls because the immune response is better in preteen years.

Talk to your health care provider about the HPV vaccine and your child.

Learn more at ImmunizeFlorida.org.