

Did you know that pre-teens and teens should receive HPV vaccine, Meningitis vaccine, and Tetanus/Pertussis vaccine? Ask for all three at your clinic or Health Department. Call Shawano Menominee Co Health Dept at (715) 526-4808 for more info.

WHY YOUR DOCTOR  
SAYS YOU SHOULD  
GET ALL

# 3 HPV\* VACCINE SHOTS

\*Human Papillomavirus

HPV is a very common virus that can lead to:

Where you get  
the vaccine



Cancers of the mouth and throat

Cancer of other sex organs

Genital warts

Cancer of the cervix (women only)

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the vaccine



**The HPV vaccine  
can prevent these!**

Do I really need HPV vaccine? **Yes!**

Your doctor says you should get the HPV vaccine because it may prevent some types of cancer and genital warts.

Do I need it if I don't have sex yet? **Yes!**

- You can get HPV just by skin-to-skin contact.
- You don't have to have sex to catch HPV, but sex increases your risk.
- People can get and spread HPV without knowing it.

Why do I need 3 shots?

- You need 3 shots to be fully protected.
- Get all 3 before you catch the virus.

Why get the vaccine at age 11-12 years?

- The vaccine works even better in pre-teens than in teens.
- Older teens and young adults should get 3 HPV vaccines, too.

Is HPV vaccine safe? **Yes!**

- Millions of doses of HPV have been given.
- You may get a sore arm.
- A few people faint, so sit for 15 minutes after getting the vaccine.

When should I get the HPV vaccine?

Have your doctor's office staff fill in this chart

Vaccine	Recommended	When	Place (e.g. clinic)
#1	Best at ages 11-12 but it can be given to those 9-26 years old		
#2	1-2 months after vaccine #1		
#3	At least 6 months after #1		

For more info on vaccines for teens, see  
<http://www2.aap.org/immunization/families/AdolescentIZ.html>