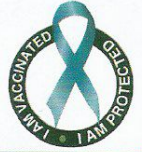


## Human Papillomavirus (HPV)



# KEY MESSAGES

- The **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** causes cervical cancer which is the leading cause of death in Zimbabwean women.
- The Human Papillomavirus vaccine protects women and girls from developing cervical cancer.
- HPV vaccines are a safe and effective way to prevent cervical cancers.
- Achieving high coverage during the HPV vaccination campaign among young adolescent girls helps reduce morbidity and mortality from cervical cancer.
- Vaccinating against HPV presents an opportunity for Zimbabwe to make long term health benefits such as reduction in cost of diagnosis and treatment of cervical cancer.
- HPV vaccination to girls offers significant opportunities to reach young adolescents with relevant,

age-appropriate information on puberty, menstrual hygiene, Adolescent and Sexual and Reproductive Health, oral, nutritional, environmental health and teaching on broader determinants of health.

- For maximum protection, HPV vaccine is given in two doses, 6 to 15 months apart on Zimbabwean girls who are 10-14 years.
- The HPV vaccination will be conducted in all schools and health facilities annually from May 2018.

For more information visit your nearest health facility.

**Cervical Cancer Prevention is everyone's responsibility.  
Get girls vaccinated against HPV!!!**

