

First National HPV Vaccine Campaign in Pakistan

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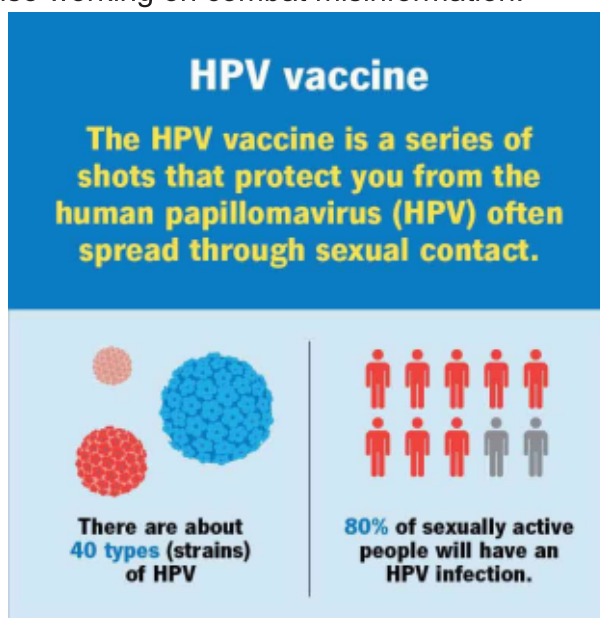
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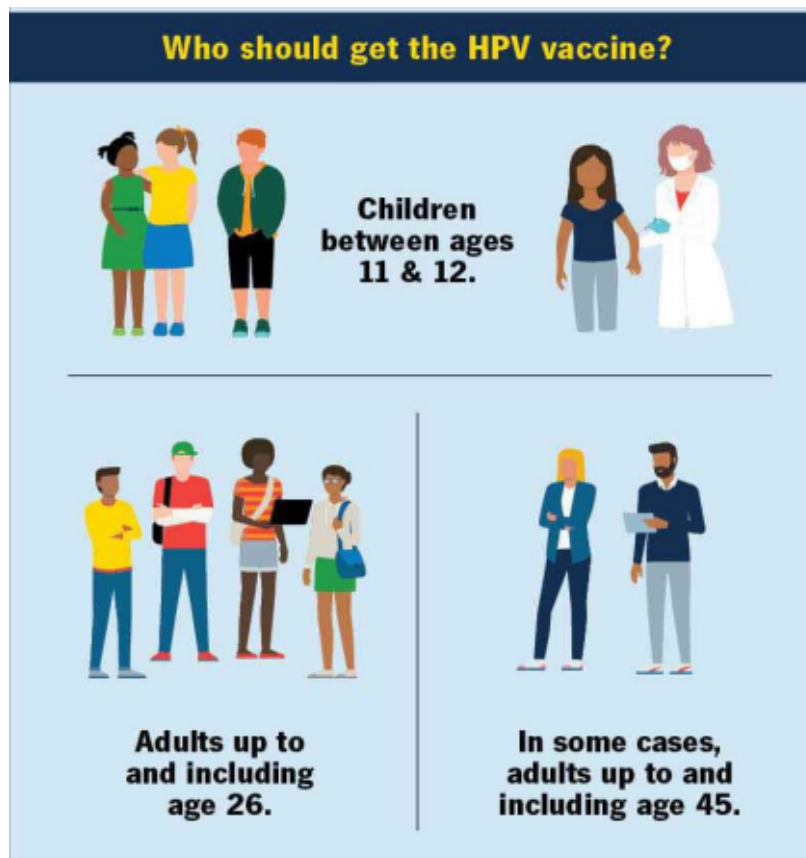
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The HPV vaccine protects against certain cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. HPV is a common STI that can cause cervical cancer and cancers affecting the vagina, vulva, penis, anus and throat. The vaccine can also protect against genital warts. The HPV vaccine is recommended for people ages 9 to 45.

Pakistan launched its first national HPV vaccine campaign from September 15-27, 2025, targeting girls aged 9-14 in Punjab, Sindh, AJK, and Islamabad. The campaign, a partnership between Pakistan's Federal Directorate of Immunization, Gavi, UNICEF, and the WHO, aims to protect girls from cervical cancer by making the safe, free, and effective vaccine available in schools, madrassas, and health facilities in Punjab, Sindh, Azad Jamu and Kashmir and the Islamabad Capital Territory.

The health officials emphasize that the vaccine is safe, effective and a vital tool for preventing cancer later in life while also working on combat misinformation.





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