

Alberta, let's talk

HPV and Cancer Prevention for 2SLGBTQI+ Communities

What is HPV?

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection and certain strains can cause genital warts or cancer.



HPV is Common

More than 80% of sexually active people will be exposed to HPV at some point in their lives

HPV Can Lead to Cancer

HPV infections are responsible for nearly 100% of cervical cancers, and can also cause:

- 90% of anal cancers
- 40%-50% of penile cancers
- 40% of vaginal cancers
- 60%-73% of head and neck cancers

Get Protected

The HPV vaccine is the best way to protect yourself. Most people get the vaccine in Grade 6. If you missed it, you can still get vaccinated.

Free for people under the age of 27

If you're 27 or older, the vaccine can be purchased privately - some insurance plans may cover the cost.

Learn more

Get information about HPV and how to access the vaccine by:

- Talking to a healthcare provider
- Calling Health Link at 811
- Visiting praxushealth.ca/hpvalberta



How does it spread?

HPV spreads through skin-to-skin sexual contact, including oral, anal, genital, and shared toys.

What are the symptoms?

Most people who contract HPV don't have any signs or symptoms. Some people may experience genital or anal warts.

HPV doesn't discriminate

HPV can affect anyone, regardless of who they're attracted to, how they identify, or the kinds of sex they have.

