

HPV-9 Vaccine

for Grade 6 students

This vaccine will be offered **at school** to kids who are 11-12 years old.

What does this vaccine do?

The **HPV-9** vaccine protects against 9 common strains of **human papillomavirus (HPV)** which is a virus that can cause **head and neck cancer, cervical and vaginal cancers, anal cancer, penile cancer, or genital warts.**

3 REASONS TO GET THE HPV VACCINE AT SCHOOL

1

It works! HPV is very common and the HPV vaccine is very good at preventing infections that could cause cancer and other serious health outcomes.

2

It's safe! Canada has a very good system to ensure vaccines are safe. It is much safer for your child to get the HPV vaccine than to get infected.

3

It's easy! A nurse will give your child the vaccine at school if you sign and return the consent forms. You won't have to take them to get the vaccine yourself.

NOTE

If your child missed this vaccine at school, contact your healthcare provider, or local public health unit.

For more information visit <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/human-papillomavirus-hpv-vaccine-gardasilr-9>

Possible Vaccine Side Effects

Fever

Headache

Sore throat

Body aches

Stomach pain, throwing up, or loose stool (diarrhea)

Redness, swelling, soreness where they had the needle

Vaccine side effects are common. Most are mild and will go away in a few days.

If your child has any side effects you can:

- Put a cool, wet cloth where they had the needle
- Give them medicine for pain and fever

