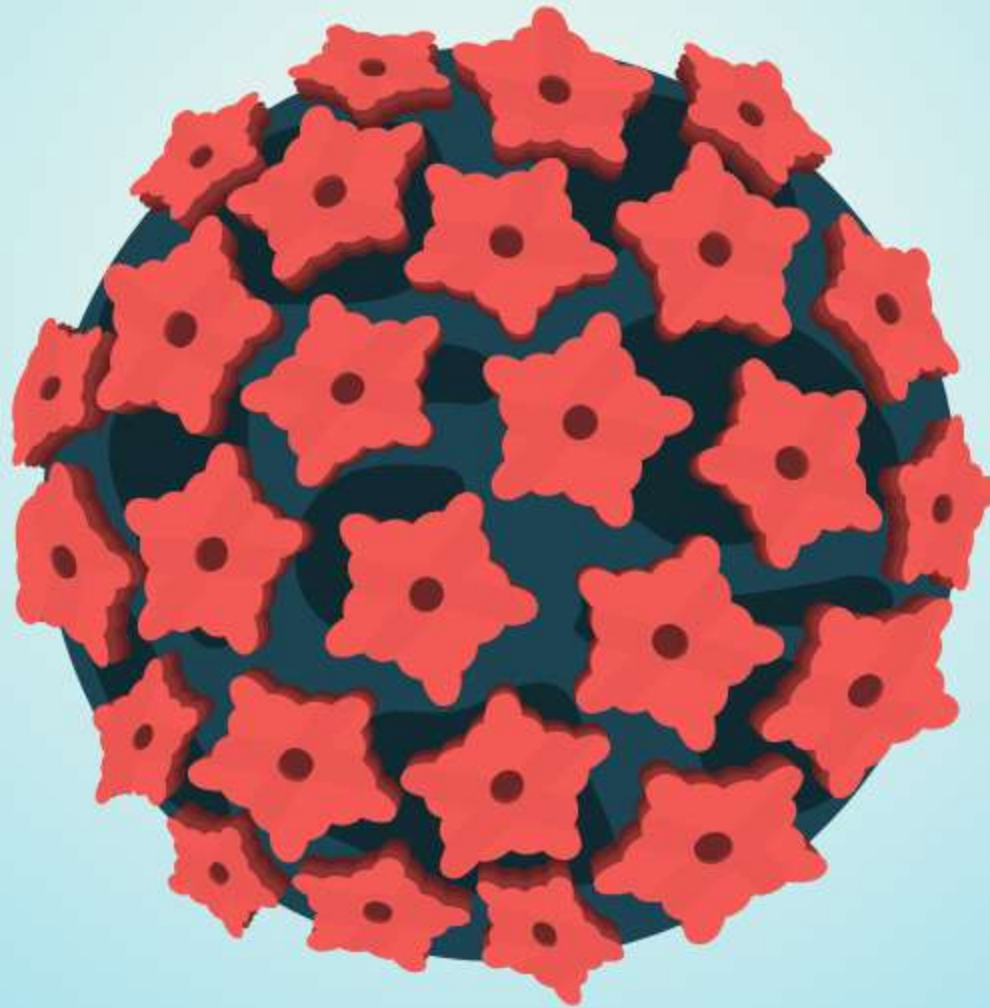


# HPV

Human Papillomavirus



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# WHAT IS HPV?

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common virus primarily spread through **sexual contact**.

If unvaccinated HPV infection can cause cancers and other serious health consequences in people of **all genders**.



# WHY IS THE HPV VACCINE HELPFUL?

- Highly effective in preventing HPV infection and **reduces HPV transmission** to future sexual partners
- Critical in **eliminating cervical cancer**
- **Reduces your risk of HPV related genital, anal and throat cancer** and other conditions that lead to serious health consequences
- Offers **protection against genital warts**



# HOW MANY DOSES?

The HPV vaccine is now a **single dose** instead of two.

Receiving a single dose will now mean that people will be considered **fully vaccinated** for HPV (except for immunocompromised people who need 3 doses).

You can receive a **free single dose** (or three if you are immunocompromised) if you are **under the age of 26**.



# WHO CAN GET THE HPV VACCINE ?

People of **all genders** can get the HPV vaccine

The vaccine is particularly beneficial for:

- Young people **aged 9-25**
- People with **immunocompromised** conditions
- **Men who have sex with men**

Note: People who are breastfeeding can also receive the HPV vaccine



# WHAT IF IM 26 OR OLDER?

**You can still get vaccinated!**

The HPV vaccine will still protect you from HPV strains that you have not been exposed to yet, even if you're already sexually active, but it's best to get it as early as possible.

If you are 26 or older, or do not have a Medicare card, you may need to pay for the HPV vaccine.



# HOW WOULD I KNOW IF I'VE BEEN VACCINATED?

Most people who attend mainstream Australian schooling would have received this vaccine (aka Gardasil) in **high school**. There is still a **chance you have not received it**, as you may have been absent that day or you or your parents decided for you not to get it.

The **FREE catch-up program** for those who missed the HPV vaccination is now extended **up to** those aged **25 years old**.





# HOW TO CHECK IF I'VE BEEN VACCINATED?


 You can access your immunisation history online via **Medicare** through MyGov or the Medicare app.

Alternatively, you can:

 Ask **your vaccination provider** to print a copy of your history

 Call the **Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)** on 1800 653 809 (8am–5pm, Monday to Friday) and request a copy to be mailed to you

 Ask your GP or immunisation provider to access statements on the AIR.

 Ask your GP or health clinic to do a blood test to check if you have previously been given the vaccine.



# WHERE CAN YOU GET THE HPV VACCINE?

You can get the HPV vaccine from **immunisation clinics** in schools, **GPs**, some **community pharmacies**, and other primary **care providers**.

## SOME LOCATIONS TO GET VACCINATED IN PERTH INCLUDE

- Sexual Health Quarters
- Derbal Yerrigan: Aboriginal Health Service
- Ishar: Multicultural Womens Health Services
- Women's Health and Family Services

