You can decrease HPV-associated cancer rates in your community through education and vaccination!

#EndHPVCancers

WHAT FAITH AND COMMUNITY LEADERS CAN DO

- Increase awareness about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, including the HPV vaccine, to prevent future illness with information from [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).
- Create a place on your website, newsletter, and social media pages that link to helpful resources such as [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov), and [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).
- Work with health leaders in your community (i.e., local health department, parish nurse) to educate your members on how getting the HPV vaccine prevents HPV-associated cancers.
- Connect with local pharmacies and/or health departments to host catch-up vaccination clinics for your community.
- **Be a model to other communities by doing the above to prevent HPV associated cancers!**
PREVENTING CANCER THROUGH VACCINATION

CANCER PREVENTION

Tens of thousands of HPV-associated cancer diagnoses in the United States can be prevented each year by increasing HPV vaccination series completion in adolescents.

HPV BY THE NUMBERS

14 million Americans, including teens, will acquire HPV each year. Rural communities experience lower HPV vaccination rates than urban and suburban areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Boys and girls receive the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12 to take advantage of the best immune response. Catch-up vaccines are available for adolescents (ages 13-19) and adults (ages 20-45) not previously vaccinated or have not completed the vaccine series.

*More information on successful primary prevention strategies to reduce HPV-associated cancers: https://www.cdc.gov/std/prevention/default.htm

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/hpv)