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Human Papillomavirus Virus Vaccination Series Initiation Rates

Each year, 31,500 women and men in the US are diagnosed with cancer caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). An effective vaccine is available that can reduce the risk of certain HPV-related cancers by up to 99 percent.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene works closely with NYC medical providers and with parents of school-aged children to increase the vaccination rate, and tracks HPV vaccine series initiation and completion among 13-to-17 year-olds. As of June 2017, HPV vaccine series initiation was 75.3 percent for females and 70.7 percent for males, and series completion was 59.7 percent for females and 53.6 percent for males.

NYC has among the highest rates of HPV vaccine coverage in the US and is strongly committed to meeting the Healthy People 2020 national goal of 80 percent vaccine coverage.