It's Time to Take Action!

HPV vaccinations can begin as early as 9 years old and can help prevent 90% of HPV related cancers.
ORAL CANCER

CURRENT STATISTICS

SCREENINGS

What is HPV

Human Papilloma Virus

- A common virus that can lead to cervical, head/neck, and other cancers
- Affects BOTH men and women
- Infections each year: 13 million Americans
- Spread: Skin to Skin contact
- 9 out of 10 cervical cancer cases are caused by HPV
- Causes 11,000 cases of cervical cancers yearly
- Can be prevented by 2 doses of the HPV vaccine (if under age 15). Can receive vaccine after age 15.

In a study from the New England Journal of Medicine Jiayao Lei et al., 2020:

- There is a lower incidence of HPV Cervical cancer among those who receive the HPV vaccine.
- The greatest reduction in incidence is seen in those who were vaccinated under 17 years of age.

Denist and Hygienist Role

- At your appointment, your dentist or hygienist will check your tongue, mouth, throat, jaw, and neck.
- These are common areas where oral cancers can be found. Prevention and early detection are key!
- Oral health is an important part of your overall health.