

HPV Vaccine Updates

A recent CDC report shows that Vermont has made major gains in teen HPV vaccination coverage since last year. Vermont was among the states with the largest increases in HPV up-to-date status for adolescents 13-17 years. From 2016 to 2017, coverage for females and males combined rose from 55.7% to 64.5%. The findings are based on the 2017 National Immunization Survey-Teen and you can find the full report in the MMWR and review the data yourself on [TeenVaxView](#). There are many people working together to ensure that we continue to build on this momentum.

VERMONT HPV ROUNDTABLE

The American Cancer Society, Northeast Division has convened a group of stakeholders who are working to increase Vermont's HPV vaccination rates. The goal is to coordinate efforts and support collaboration to ensure effective strategies are implemented in all areas. If you are interested in participating in the HPV Roundtable, please contact Amy Deavitt (amy.deavitt@cancer.org).

HPV CHAMPION

The CDC, Association of American Cancer Institutes and American Cancer Society, have partnered to establish the HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion Award. This award will recognize recognizes those who have demonstrated their commitment to preventing HPV cancers through timely vaccination of adolescents.

The first Vermont HPV Champion will be announced on December 17.

FDA APPROVAL OF HPV VACCINE FOR USE IN ADULTS 27-45 YEARS

In October, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved the use of 9vHPV vaccine for those 27-45 years of age. The FDA regulates vaccines to ensure the safety and effectiveness for the public but does not make recommendations for use.

The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is responsible for making recommendations on the use of FDA licensed vaccines and will consider whether the upper age for HPV catch-up vaccination should be expanded beyond current recommended age of 26 at the February 2019 meeting. HPV vaccine has been demonstrated to have the greatest impact when administered before onset of sexual activity and HPV exposure.

At this time, state-supplied 9vHPV vaccine may only be used for those 9-26 years of age.