HPV (human papillomavirus) is spread by intimate skin-to-skin contact.

Nearly 79 million people in the U.S. are infected, often without knowing it.

Some types of HPV can infect parts of your body and cause cancer of the tongue, tonsils, throat, cervix, vulva, vagina, anus, and penis.

About 41,000 people will develop one of these cancers each year.

In the last 20 years, oral cancer cases have more than tripled in the USA.

Doctors recommend that all children age 11-12 receive the HPV vaccine to prevent cancer. Talk to your pediatrician about getting the HPV vaccine.

Look for this brochure to find out more.

HPV-Related Cancer PREVENTION CHECKLIST

✓ See your dentist for your yearly oral cancer screening
✓ Get vaccinated against HPV
✓ Visit your doctor yearly
✓ Get regular Pap & HPV tests as recommended by your doctor

For more information about HPV-related cancers and cancer prevention, contact the Washington State Department of Health.

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