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Human Papillomavirus Virus Vaccination Series Initiation and Completion Rates

Each year, approximately 35,900 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 (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Department) works closely with NYC medical providers and with parents of school-aged children to increase HPV vaccine coverage, and tracks HPV vaccine series initiation and completion rates among 13 to 17 year-olds. As of June 2020, HPV vaccine series initiation was 82.2 percent for females and 80.3 percent for males, and series completion was 66.1 percent for females and 63.0 percent for males. In 2019, the Health Department began tracking HPV coverage among 13 year-olds by the 13th birthday to stress the importance of on-time vaccination prior to exposure to HPV. NYC has among the highest rates of HPV vaccine coverage in the US and is strongly committed to meeting the Healthy People 2030 national goal of 80 percent vaccine coverage.