

PREVENTION WEDNESDAY

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Health Department

Women's Health: Preventing Cervical Cancer

Did You Know?

- HPV (human papillomavirus) is the most common sexually transmitted disease (STD)
- By age 50, 80% of women are exposed to HPV
- High-risk types of HPV can cause cervical cancer
- The HPV vaccine is recommended for 9-26 year-old girls/women to prevent high-risk types of HPV infection

Get the Vaccine!

HPV vaccine is available **free** for eligible girls and women ages 9-26.

Call for information: 410-396-4454

HPV vaccines are also available at thirteen area schools in School Based Health Centers. Call 410-396-3185 for locations.

Prevention at your fingerTIPS:

Tip 1 See your doctor regularly. Women need annual exams to screen for cervical cancer (the Pap test) and STDs. Call Baltimore Health Care Access for referrals or help with health insurance at 311 or 410-649-0500.

Tip 2 Get screened for STDs. Screening for STDs (including gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis and HIV) and the Pap test are all available through the Health Department.
Westside: 410.396.0176
Eastside: 410.396.9410

Tip 3 Free treatment for cervical cancer is available for women who qualify. For information on screening, treatment, and eligibility, call 410-328-HOPE (4673).

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Resources and References

Information on HPV infection: <http://www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/>

Information on the HPV vaccine: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/hpv/>

Baltimore City Health Department STD clinics:

<http://www.baltimorehealth.org/std.html>