

VIRGINIA HPV IMMUNIZATION TASK FORCE

Working Together for a Virginia Without Cancer

Virginia Cancer Plan & HPV Vaccination

HPV is associated with six different kinds of cancer, including most cases of oropharyngeal cancers and almost all cases of cervical cancer. Cervical cancer is the most common HPV-associated cancer among women and oropharyngeal cancers are the most common among men.

The **Virginia HPV Immunization Task Force (VHIT)** was established in 2017 as a CACV priority task force to prevent HPV-related cancers by increasing HPV vaccination across the Commonwealth.

80%

The **Virginia Cancer Plan** prioritizes HPV vaccination as a prevention goal working toward a vaccination rate of 80% for all 7th to 12th graders in Virginia by 2027.

The objectives of VHIT are to:

1. Facilitate partnerships across Virginia to enhance shared knowledge and best practices to increase HPV vaccination rates.
2. Decrease disparities in HPV vaccination.
3. Provide education to physicians, other healthcare providers, school officials, and the public about current national HPV vaccination guidelines.
4. Increase awareness of the burden of HPV-related cancers in men and women.

VHIT activities include education and outreach in communities across the Commonwealth to share information on HPV-related cancers and the importance of immunization to prevent these cancers. For more information about the steps recommended to increase vaccination rates, visit our website for available tools and resources: cancercoalitionofvirginia.org/vhit

HPV Vaccination is Proven Cancer Prevention



Prevents **6 different types of cancers**; including cervical cancer and cancer of the head and neck.



To work best, the HPV vaccine should be given in a series of shots between the **ages of 11 to 12, or as early as 9.**



More than **15 years** worth of safety and effectiveness monitoring that continues today.

Join our Efforts to Increase HPV Vaccination in Virginia

Any CACV member interested in HPV vaccination in Virginia can be a member of VHIT. **We are a diverse group made up of healthcare providers, dental providers, epidemiologists, public health professionals, educators, pharmacists, advocates and more.**

To learn more about VHIT and how you can become involved with increasing HPV vaccination efforts in the state, **visit our website at cancercoalitionofvirginia.org or email us at hpv-va@cancercoalitionofvirginia.org.**

About CACV

The **Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV)** is an alliance of organizations and individuals working together to develop the Virginia Cancer Plan and provide statewide guidance, support, leadership, and coordination of cancer prevention and control activities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our mission is to reduce the burden of cancer for all persons living in Virginia utilizing the Virginia Cancer Plan to provide a forum for collaboration, education, and advocacy.

The **Virginia Cancer Plan** provides a roadmap to help Virginia residents address the burden of cancer by providing data, guidance, information, and links to resources for all Virginians. The plan is a framework that presents priority objectives, goals, and strategies to reduce cancer risk, eliminate preventable cancers, and minimize cancer deaths and disabilities.

