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Dear Vaccine Provider,

Do you know that Washington state recommends Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination starting at age 9? [Recommending the HPV vaccine at ages 9 and 10](#) leads to higher rates of finishing the series on time at age 11-12, providing the best cancer prevention for your patients. The [uptake of adolescent vaccines usually peaks in the summer months](#) with August being the highest for HPV vaccine initiation. Take advantage of every patient visit to promote HPV vaccination alongside other immunizations and enhance our cancer prevention efforts.

Three things you can do:

- 1. Use the Announcement Approach to make strong recommendations.**

Using the Announcement Approach is one of the best tools to increase immunization rates. [See this flyer](#) and watch these 2-minute demonstration videos to learn more about how to use the Announcement Approach in your [9-10 year](#) and [11-12 year](#) visits.

- 2. Prepare the office and staff NOW for the rush of back-to-school vaccine requests.**

Check your vaccine inventory to ensure you have enough stock to meet the increased demand during the back-to-school season.

Standardize your [vaccine schedule](#) AND post it in the lobby and every exam room. The poster gives parents and children something to read while they are waiting and adds legitimacy to your recommendations. To receive free laminated vaccine schedule posters, contact: Char.Raunio@cancer.org

Encourage your patients to access their official WA State immunization records online for free at myirmobile.com. With a MYIR Mobile account, families can print their child's [Certificate of Immunization Status](#), for school and child care. [MYIR Mobile flyers](#) and [posters](#) are available to [order](#), and shipping is free.

- 3. Sign your clinic up for the Washington State Immunization Quality Improvement Program.**

Get tailored support to improve HPV vaccination rates. Earn 3.5 to 4 hours of FREE HPV vaccine continuing education credits for your entire team (CME/CNE/CE). To sign up, send an email to immunizewa@doh.wa.gov

Remember HPV vaccination is Cancer Prevention! Using these strategies will improve your immunization rates. Check out the Washington State Department of Health's [website dedicated to HPV Vaccination at Age 9](#) with more tools and resources, like this [HPV cue card](#), which is also available [in Spanish](#).

We appreciate all your hard work caring for patients and promoting immunization. Thanks for all you do!