

# Social Media Toolkit

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Vaccines are based on the principle of herd immunity, meaning a certain percentage of the population has to either have had the illness or have been vaccinated against it for outbreaks not to occur. By vaccinating other members of your household, and by the community at-large being vaccinated, their immunity protects your child or teen because they can no longer pass a disease on to them. Learn more about herd immunity: <https://bit.ly/3E9eZ1E>

Talk to your child's doctor about the vaccines recommended for their age. COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for some adolescents. <https://bit.ly/35NZ6yR>

Why does my child need the HPV vaccine now? Preteens and teens need the HPV vaccine now to prevent HPV-related cancers later. <https://bit.ly/3sbE6hV>

It is important for children to get the HPV vaccine series before any sexual activity. The information below will help you talk with your child about the vaccine. <https://bit.ly/3IRIHfj>

HPV is estimated to cause nearly 36,000 cases of cancer in men and women every year in the United States, and the HPV vaccine can prevent 33,000 of these cancers. Most children only need two doses of HPV vaccine when vaccinated before age 15 years. <https://bit.ly/3F1wtOK>

Early protection works best. That's why HPV vaccine is recommended earlier rather than later. It protects your child long before they ever have contact with the virus. <https://bit.ly/3smu5OW>

As a parent, you may have questions about vaccines for your preteen. Why does my son need HPV vaccine if it protects against cervical cancer? If my child is not sexually active, why is the HPV vaccine needed? <https://bit.ly/3dYIE39>

**MYTH:** A COVID-19 vaccine can make me sick with COVID-19. **FACT:** Because none of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19, the vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19. Get the facts about the COVID-19 vaccine here. <https://bit.ly/3dYIZ5V>

All boys and girls need three vaccines at ages 11-12 to protect against serious diseases. Preteens and teens should also get a yearly flu vaccine, as well as any vaccines they missed when they were younger. <https://bit.ly/3qnP4P9>

How do I know what vaccines I need and where can I find a copy of my vaccine record? Immunization records often are needed for entry into child-care, school, summer camp, and college. <https://bit.ly/30G7Ata>

If you're a parent, you likely have a lot of questions about your children's vaccines. Watch Dr. Paul Offit and Dr. Zachary Rubin discuss common vaccine-related topics: <https://bit.ly/3p426Sl>

For social media posts for the 2021-22 flu season, check out the CDC digital media toolkit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/resource-center/toolkit/index.htm>

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