Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine

Human Papillomavirus CAN cause:
- Genital warts
- Cervical cancer
- Cancers of the anus, mouth and throat, penis, vagina and vulva

Complications may lead to:
- Spread of infection
- Invasive cervical cancer
- Death

Why consider the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine?
HPV infection is a common infection that is spread mainly through sexual contact. The HPV-9 vaccine helps protect girls and women against cervical, vaginal, vulvar, anal and throat cancers and genital warts caused by 9 types of HPV. The HPV-9 vaccine helps protect boys and men against anal and throat cancers and genital warts caused by those same types of HPV.

All available HPV vaccines are very effective. Depending on your age, either 2 or 3 doses of vaccine are recommended – and it is VERY important to complete the series.

Possible side effects of the vaccine:
- Soreness around the injection site
- Itchiness, swelling or redness around the injection site
- Headache
- Diarrhea, dizziness, nausea, fever within 15 days of vaccination

What to do:
- Comfort measures may be all that is needed.
- Apply a cold, damp compress to the immunization site.
- Administer acetaminophen-type medication if oral temperature is 38.5°C or higher.

Severe allergic reactions are rare, begin immediately and can be treated by the person who gave the vaccine.
You should stay on site for at least 15 minutes after vaccination so that an allergic reaction, if there is one, can be treated.

Consult your healthcare provider if side effects persist over 48 hours.
For more information on vaccinations, visit www.yukonimmunization.ca