

WIPE OUT CERVICAL CANCER IN 3 STEPS

1

GET THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) VACCINATIONS -

It is a powerful tool that prevents cervical cancer. The vaccine protects girls AND boys from the HPV virus which causes cervical cancer. The first dose is recommended at 9 years old, before they are exposed to the virus.



2

GET SCREENED FOR CERVICAL CANCER -

Women aged 21-65 should get a HPV/ PAP test regularly. When pre-cancer or cancer is found early it is more treatable.



3

BE SURE TO FOLLOW-UP WITH ANY ABNORMAL RESULTS -

The follow-up visit is very important, not going back to the doctor can lead to death.

DID YOU KNOW?

Alabama ranks **4th in the nation** for people diagnosed and dying from cervical cancer which is a cancer that can be prevented.

Over **90 percent** of all cervical cancers are caused by HPV.

You may qualify for free screenings which include a pelvic exam, HPV/ PAP test, and diagnostic services such as a colposcopy, or biopsy, if needed.

To find out if you are eligible for a free cervical cancer screening, please call toll-free 1-877-252-3324 or visit alabamapublichealth.gov/bandc.

