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NATIONAL HPV VACCINATION CAMPAIGN IN SCHOOLS

Human papillomavirus (HPV) infections are very common and highly transmissible, mainly through sexual contact. An estimated 80% of the population comes into contact with these viruses at some point in their lives. Often asymptomatic, HPV infections can cause precancerous lesions and/or cancers of the cervix and other cancers, such as those of the throat, vulva or anus. HPV vaccination prevents up to 90% of these infections. For several years now, it is recommended for girls and boys aged between 11 and 14.

In order to improve vaccination coverage among girls and boys, and as announced by the President of the Republic on 28 February 2023, a national HPV vaccination campaign in schools will be rolled out annually in France from the start of the 2023-2024 school year by the Ministry of Health and Prevention in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and Youth.

All pupils in 5^{ème} class (year 8/7th grade equivalent) are offered the opportunity to be vaccinated against HPV infections.

Full protection is achieved with two vaccine doses. The two doses will be given six months apart during the 5^{ème} class year.

This vaccination is entirely free of charge and will be carried out by mobile teams selected from vaccination centres and consisting of qualified staff equipped to vaccinate adolescents.

The written consent of both parents will be required. On the day of the vaccination session, children whose parents have given permission for them to be vaccinated must bring their health or vaccination booklet with them.

Information sessions may be arranged for parents and pupils in 5^{ème} class. Ministry of Education health staff (school nurses and doctors) can also answer your questions.

For more details about this vaccination, you can:

- Ask your doctor for more information
- Read the information leaflet on HPV vaccination attached to this letter
- Visit the websites:

e-cancer.fr



vaccination-info-service.fr

