Do I really need HPV vaccine? Yes!
You should get HPV vaccine because it can prevent some types of cancer and genital warts.

Do I need it if I haven’t had sex yet? Yes!
- You don’t have to have sex to catch HPV, but sex increases your risk.
- You can get HPV by skin-to-skin intimate contact.
- People can get and spread HPV without knowing it.
- It’s best to get vaccinated before you ever have sex.

Should I get HPV vaccine if I’ve already had sex? Yes!
You still need to get vaccinated even if you have had sex. The vaccine provides a lot of protection.

Why do I need more than 1 shot?
You need a series of HPV shots to be fully protected.

I didn’t get the vaccine at age 11 or 12. Should I get it now? Yes!
HPV vaccination is recommended for people ages 9 through 26. Even though it is ideal to get HPV vaccine at age 11–12, it is still highly effective in teens and young adults.

Is HPV vaccine safe? Yes!
- Millions of doses of HPV vaccine have been given without any problem.
- You may get a sore arm.
- Occasionally, a few people faint, so sit for 15 minutes after getting the vaccine.

When Should I Get HPV Vaccine?
Make sure your healthcare provider reviews with you when you should be vaccinated.

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NOTE: If you have problems with your immune system, you will need to receive 3 doses of HPV vaccine.