**Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**

The human HPV vaccine helps prevent the types of HPV that cause most of the HPV-related cancers and disease in people of all genders.

HPV immunisation is recommended for people 9-25 years of age. The vaccine is most effective when given to young people before they become sexually active.

In Victoria, the HPV vaccine is most often provided by local councils (free-of-charge) to secondary school students in Year 7.

The HPV vaccine is also available free-of-charge for people aged 12 to 25 years through local councils, general practices and some local pharmacies.

All women and people with a cervix aged between 25 and 74 years old should have a cervical screening test every five years.