The vaccine is most effective for children ages 11-12. A child can get the vaccine at age 9. It's possible to get the vaccine after age 12, up to age 26, but it is not as effective. Getting the vaccine now, when it is most effective, will protect your child from cancers later in life.

HPV is a common infection that can lead to several types of cancers. HPV is passed from skin-to-skin, usually during sex. Almost all people will come into contact with HPV in their lives. It is important to get the vaccine before coming into contact with HPV, which can turn into cancer.

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