Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a very common virus. Most people have an HPV infection at some point in their lives. For most of us, HPV infection is harmless. But, for some, it can cause cancer.

Estimated annual number of cancers caused by HPV in Ireland (2010-2014 data). These numbers are on the rise.

**420**

Most of these cancers could potentially be prevented by HPV vaccination.

This number includes:

- **335** Female
- **85** Male

Broken down by cancer:

- **265** cervical
- **69** mouth and throat
- **32** anorectal (anus and rectum)
- **26** vulvar
- **20** penile
- **8** vaginal

Estimated annual number of deaths in Ireland from cancers caused by HPV (2010-2014) **UP TO 130**

**WHAT CAN I DO?**

1. Get vaccinated, or get your daughters vaccinated
2. Boys can be vaccinated privately at your GP practice
3. If you are a woman aged 25-60, attend for regular cervical cancer screening

Vaccination has the potential to substantially reduce this in the future.