

RESOLUTION

Subject: Inclusion of HPV Vaccine on the State Mandated Immunization Schedule

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WHEREAS, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a large group of viruses responsible for nearly all cervical cancers, anal cancers, and most oropharyngeal, penile, vaginal, and vulvar cancers¹; and

WHEREAS, the current 9-valent HPV vaccine protects against 9 different HPV strains, including type 16 and 18 which cause most HPV-related cancers^{2,3}; and

WHEREAS, the current 9-valent vaccine and prior HPV vaccines have been shown to be extremely safe with minimal side effects^{4,5}; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends routine HPV vaccination at 11-12 years, however it can be given earlier or later²; and

WHEREAS, the vaccines have the potential to prevent more than 90% of HPV-related cancers and there has already been a significant drop in HPV infections, genital warts, and precancerous cervical lesions in young women²; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky trails the national average in HPV vaccinations by 10%, has a higher incidence of HPV cancers, and is in the top 3 states nationally for cervical cancer incidence⁶, and

WHEREAS, in Kentucky there are 7 vaccinations (DTaP, polio, HepA, HepB, MMR, Varicella, Meningococcal) on the mandated immunization schedule required for attending schools, however HPV is not among them⁷; and

WHEREAS, school-required HPV vaccination has been shown to increase rates of vaccination in other states that have mandated it^{8,9}; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA support inclusion of the HPV vaccine on the state mandated immunization schedule.

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