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**TO:** Vaccines for Children Providers

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**SUBJECT: New HPV Vaccine 2 Dose Recommendation**

CDC now routinely recommends two doses of HPV vaccine for 11 to 12 year olds to prevent HPV cancers. This recommendation makes it easier for parents to protect their children by reducing the number of shots and trips to the doctor. HPV vaccination is an important cancer prevention tool and two doses of HPV vaccine will provide safe, effective and long-lasting protection when given at the recommended ages of 11 and 12 years. Some of the specifics of the recommendation include:

- The first HPV vaccine dose is routinely recommended at 11 to 12 years old. The vaccine is licensed for the two dose schedule when children get their first dose between the ages of 9 to 14 years. The second dose of the vaccine should be administered 6 to 12 months after the first dose.
- Teens and young adults who start the series at ages 15 through 26 years will continue to need three doses of HPV vaccine to protect against cancer-causing HPV infections.
- Adolescents aged 9 through 14 years who have already received two doses of HPV vaccine less than 5 months apart, will require a third dose.
- Three doses are recommended for people with weakened immune systems aged 9 to 26 years.

We are currently working to update LINKS forecasting functionality to reflect this change in the new HPV immunization schedule, as recommended by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. We will update you as soon as the new HPV immunization schedule has been implemented in LINKS.

Please contact the Immunization Program at 504-568-2600 if you have any questions.