



Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Report: Massachusetts

Working Together to Reach National Goals for HPV Vaccination

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This quarter's HPV Vaccination Report focuses on establishing partnerships to increase rates. Immunization programs can improve HPV vaccination rates by leveraging partnerships with local and state-based organizations.

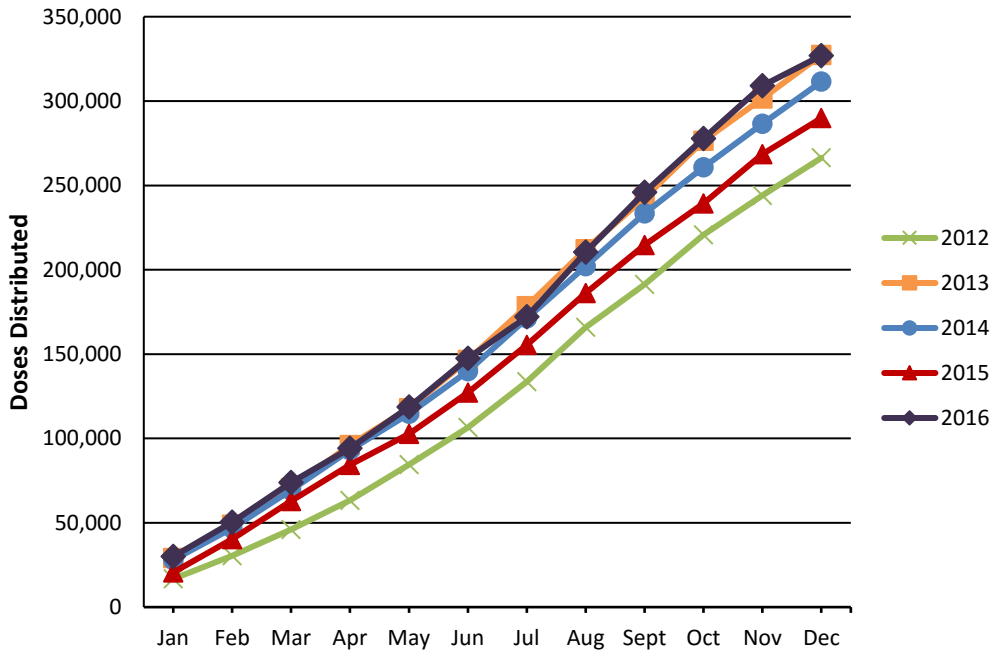
Partnerships with cancer organizations such as the American Cancer Society and Cancer Centers, can help programs advocate for HPV-associated cancer prevention through vaccination. Local chapters of professional associations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians, are also instrumental in working with providers to deliver a timely recommendation for vaccination to all adolescents aged 11–12, by using the bundled recommendation approach, along with office processes to decrease missed opportunities for HPV vaccination. In addition, working with state and local immunization coalitions, as well as community-based organizations can facilitate outreach to parents and clinicians about HPV vaccine.

CDC has developed a toolkit to provide resources for state and local organizations, to enhance HPV vaccination efforts at the clinician and patient levels. See page 2 of this report for more information on the toolkit.

2016 HPV Vaccine Distribution Trends in Massachusetts

Below are available year-to-date totals of CDC and non-CDC distributed HPV vaccine doses of Gardasil (quadrivalent HPV vaccine) and 9-valent HPV vaccine in your state or city. Please note that, as of **October 25th**, **quadrivalent HPV vaccine is no longer available for order in the United States**. CDC recommends examining vaccine distribution data for trends to approximate recent HPV vaccine administration.

Year-to-date Total of Distributed[†] 4-valent HPV vaccine and 9-valent HPV vaccine Doses in Massachusetts (2012-2016)



Note: Cervarix doses, which represent less than 1% of the HPV vaccine doses distributed in the United States, are not included in this report.

Year-to-Date Total of Distributed[†] Quadrivalent and 9-Valent HPV Vaccine, MA (2015-2016)

	2015	2016	% change
Jan	20,580	29,984	45.7%
Feb	40,365	50,405	24.9%
Mar	62,963	73,968	17.5%
Apr	84,304	94,116	11.6%
May	102,625	118,642	15.6%
Jun	127,159	147,400	15.9%
Jul	155,520	172,124	10.7%
Aug	186,109	210,489	13.1%
Sept	214,671	245,925	14.6%
Oct	239,250	277,763	16.1%
Nov	268,424	309,171	15.2%
Dec	289,864	326,949	12.8%

[†]These data represent an estimate of all Gardasil and Gardasil 9 HPV vaccine doses distributed in Massachusetts.

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HPV Vaccination Partner Toolkit

Use the [Establishing Partner Networks](#) section of the [HPV Vaccination Partner Toolkit](#) to discover how engaging local partners can increase public awareness and support for HPV vaccination, as well as promote strong collaborations to improve coverage rates. Specifically, you can:

- Find the partner organizations already working on HPV vaccination initiatives in your state with the [HPV Vaccination Initiative Contact Map](#).
- Understand the process for establishing state or local [HPV vaccination roundtables](#) or coalitions, based on best practices and real-life experiences.
- Learn from HPV Champions who have successfully improved coverage, in [Partner, Program, and Provider Spotlights](#).
- Discover the [resources, tools, and survivor testimonials](#) developed by the American Cancer Society, and learn more about the [National HPV Vaccination Roundtable](#).
- Gather clinician-specific resources for improving practice coverage rates with the [AAP HPV Champion Toolkit](#).
- Help clinicians make effective recommendations and improve office practices by sharing [Tips for Talking to Parents about HPV Vaccine](#) and the [Top 10 Ways to Improve HPV Vaccination Rates in Your Practice](#).
- [Syndicate](#) CDC's HPV vaccination content for parents to your website to keep your website up-to-date with the latest information CDC has to offer.

What can specific partners bring to the table?*

Health Departments

- Ask pharmacies to hang HPV vaccine posters next to other vaccine information
- Offer in-service or feedback visits to every pediatric/family practice in the local area, not just VFC
- Ask the largest employers in the area to send HPV vaccine and cancer screening information to employees

Cancer Programs

- Analyze and share local data on HPV-related cancers
- Work with partners to promote HPV vaccination at other cancer events
- Share survivor/caregiver stories

Medical Practices

- Use CDC's hold message scripts
- Use CDC content syndication
- Utilize standing orders for nurses to administer HPV vaccine

Medical Societies

- Include cancer specialists in conferences as speakers on why improving HPV vaccination coverage is urgent
- Distribute a letter from Directors of cancer centers about the urgency of HPV vaccination
- Identify and showcase providers with high HPV vaccination coverage

*<https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/downloads/what-can-we-do.pdf>

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