Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- HPV causes several types of cancer in males and females.
- It is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S.
- New HPV infections are most common in the late teen years and early 20s.
- HPV vaccine protects against certain cancers and most cases of genital warts.
- HPV vaccine works best if two doses are given at age 11 or 12.
- Older teens and young adults need three doses.

Influenza (flu)
- The flu virus is very contagious. It infects the nose, throat, and the lungs.
- The flu can cause mild to severe illness and rarely, even death.
- Your children should get the flu vaccine each year as soon as it is available.
- If your child has a chronic health condition, like asthma, it’s especially important that they get a flu vaccine.
- The flu vaccine cannot give your child, or anyone else, the flu.
Meningococcal disease

- **Meningococcal disease** is caused by bacteria. It can result in death or lifelong disabilities.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk of getting this disease.
- At age 11 or 12, all teens need a dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine. A booster dose should be given at age 16.
- Meningococcal B vaccine may also be given to healthy 16- to 23-year-olds.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough)

- **Tetanus** is an infection caused by bacteria that enter the body through an open wound. Some unvaccinated people who have tetanus will die.
- **Diphtheria** is highly contagious. It can cause breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure and death.
- **Pertussis**, or whooping cough, is also highly contagious. It can be deadly for babies. Babies often get whooping cough from their older siblings or other family members.
- All teens need a dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) vaccine at age 11 or 12.
- Tdap vaccine protects adolescents from whooping cough. It also helps them avoid infecting others such as babies younger than 6 months. Some infants are too young to get the vaccine or have not yet received the recommended doses.

For more information, visit:

health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/childhood_and_adolescent.htm

Or

cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/index.html

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