

## Lamoille Union Health Office News Letter

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Dear Parents,

We are happy to report that Lamoille Union High School and Middle School are collaborating with the Morrisville Department of Health to offer a free school-based human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine clinic. Our goal is to support you in your efforts to ensure your teen is protected against cancers caused by HPV.

HPV is a very common virus. Here are some facts to think about:

- Each year the HPV virus causes around 27,000 new cases of cancer, which could have been prevented with the vaccine.
- About 14 million people become newly infected each year.
- A series of vaccines are needed to effectively protect against most HPV infections.
- Studies have shown that the vaccine does not lead to an increase in sexual activity.
- The vaccine is most effective when given before exposure to the virus.
- The vaccine has been shown to be both safe and effective.
- The most common side effect is a sore arm.

Your teen can receive the vaccine at school at no charge and it will be reported directly to the Vermont Immunization registry and to their health care provider. This vaccine is not a requirement for school admittance.

**This clinic will be offered January 17, 2019 from 9AM to 2PM in the Community Education Center (GMTCC CEC) RT Break-Out Room.**

If you have any questions about the vaccine, please contact your child's health care provider, or call the **Morrisville Department of Health, Joyce Larro, RN at (802) 888-1352 or email her at [Joyce.Larro@vermont.gov](mailto:Joyce.Larro@vermont.gov)**. **If you would like your teen to receive an HPV vaccination at the clinic, please complete the consent form and return it to the Lamoille Union Health Office by January 11, 2019.** We look forward to helping to protect your teen.

Sincerely,

Flo Kelley, RN  
School Nurse