

# Cervical Health Services in Huron County

[Protect yourself from cervical cancer.](#)

## Get Checked

- All women should begin cervical cancer screening about 3 years after they begin having vaginal intercourse, but no later than 21 years old. Screening should be done every year with the regular Pap test or every 2 years using the newer liquid-based Pap test.
- Beginning at age 30, women who have had 3 normal Pap test results in a row may get screened every 2 to 3 years. Women older than 30 may also get screened every 3 years with either the conventional or liquid-based Pap test, plus the human papilloma virus (HPV) test.
- Women 70 years of age or older who have had 3 or more normal Pap tests in a row and no abnormal Pap test results in the last 10 years may choose to stop having Pap tests.
- Women who have had a total hysterectomy (removal of the uterus and cervix) may also choose to stop having Pap tests, unless the surgery was done as a treatment for cervical cancer or pre-cancer. Women who have had a hysterectomy without removal of the cervix should continue to have Pap tests.
- Some women -- because of their history -- may need to have a different screening schedule for cervical cancer. Please see The American Cancer Society's, [Cervical Cancer: Prevention and Early Detection](#) for more information.

Contact your gynecologist to schedule a routine pap test **today**. Remind the women in your life to do the same. If you do not have a gynecologist, contact the Huron County Public Health to schedule an appointment by calling 419-668-1652 ext: 252. The Huron County Health Department provides confidential sexual health services based on household income. The Health Department is a Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program (BCCP) provider. Call 1-800-655-4707 to confirm BCCP eligibility or click on the link below.

[Am I eligible for help from the BCCP program?](#)

## Get Vaccinated

Adolescents and young adults age 9-26 can get a vaccine to prevent them from getting the most common types of human papilloma virus (HPV), which is a leading cause of cervical cancer. To be fully protected, you must complete the series of 3 shots over 6 months. The Huron County Public Health offers the vaccine Gardasil to both females and males and participates in the VFC program; no child under 19 years of age will be turned away for an inability to pay for VFC vaccine.

[For more information on the HPV vaccine, click here.](#)

[For more information on cervical health, click here.](#)