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## **Public Health to Offer Human Papillomavirus Vaccine to Eligible Adolescents**

CHAMPAIGN –The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) will offer GARDASIL<sup>®</sup> manufactured by Merck and Company through the State of Illinois Vaccines for Children Program. GARDASIL<sup>®</sup> is a vaccine (injection/shot) that helps protect against the following diseases caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Types in the vaccine (6, 11, 16, and 18):

- Cervical cancer (cancer of the lower end of the uterus or womb).
- Abnormal and precancerous cervical lesions.
- Abnormal and precancerous vaginal lesions.
- Abnormal and precancerous vulvar lesions.
- Genital warts.

GARDASIL<sup>®</sup> helps prevent these diseases- but it will not treat them.

You or your child cannot get these diseases from GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>.

The vaccine will be offered at the 710 N. Neil Street site during all clinic hours and at all clinic sites to 9-18 year old females that qualify for the Federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This program provides free vaccines to children who are uninsured, underinsured, on Medicaid, or who are Native American or Native Alaskan residents. GARDASIL<sup>®</sup> is given as a series of three shots over the course of six months. Any female under 18 years of age will need parental consent to receive this vaccination. CUPHD will charge a small shot administration fee for each vaccine. No one will be denied services due to an inability to pay this fee.