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Stay on TASK during Adolescent Immunization Week to Protect Against HPV and Other Preventable Diseases

Panhandle residents are encouraged to ensure our adolescents are up to date on vaccinations

This week, April 7-11, marks Adolescent Immunization Action Week - a national initiative dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of keeping adolescents up to date on vaccinations, especially the HPV vaccine, which helps prevent six types of cancer.

Panhandle Public Health District provides a simple yet powerful reminder for parents, caregivers, and healthcare providers to stay on **TASK**:

- **TURN** to TRUSTed sources
- ASK questions about vaccines
- SCHEDULE well visits
- KNOW where to get vaccinated

"Vaccines are one of the best ways we can protect our adolescents from serious, preventable diseases—including cancers caused by HPV. Staying on TASK helps ensure they grow up healthy, strong, and ready for the future," said Paulette Schnell, MSN, RN, Deputy Director of Clinical Services.

Reach out to your child's vaccine provider or PPHD at 308-633-2866 to ensure your child is up to date on their vaccinations. No insurance? No problem. Ask about the free Vaccine for Children's (VFC) program.

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