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To the parent(s)/guardian(s) of

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Subject Invitation: HPV vaccination for your child

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Child and Youth Health
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HPV vaccination leaflet
Vaccination card(s)
Vaccination certificate

Dear parent(s)/guardian(s) of xxxxxx,

As the manager of the Dutch National Immunisation Programme, I am inviting your child to get vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV). As of this year, both girls and boys are invited to get this vaccination. It is up to you to decide whether your child gets vaccinated. The vaccination is free.

Where and when can your child get vaccinated?

The invitation with this letter tells you where and when your child can get the first vaccination. The second vaccination is in six months. Bring your vaccination card and vaccination certificate with you to the appointment.

Why are vaccinations so important?

Eight out of ten people will become infected with HPV at least once in their lifetime. After two vaccinations, your child will be effectively protected against the cancers that can be caused by HPV.

Available for both girls and boys

We now know that in addition to causing cervical cancer, HPV can also cause cancer at a later age in the mouth, pharynx, anus and penis. It is therefore important to protect boys as well. Children can get vaccinated in the year they turn 10 years old. Vaccinating children before they come into contact with the virus is the best way to protect them.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about HPV or the vaccination, you can discuss them with a doctor or nurse at your local Youth and Family Centre. You can find the contact details in the invitation with this letter. You can also find a lot of information about HPV and your child's vaccination records in the leaflet and at rijksvaccinatieprogramma.nl/english.

Yours sincerely,
Jeanne-Marie Hament MD
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