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

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Subject Reminder: HPV vaccination for your child

Enclosure(s)  
Child and Youth Health  
Services letter  
Vaccination card(s)  
Vaccination certificate

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

Six months ago, we invited your child to get vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV). This vaccination is part of the Dutch National Immunisation Programme and is free of charge. According to our records, your child has not yet received the vaccination. We would like to offer the opportunity for your child to get vaccinated once more.

**Why are vaccinations so important?**

Eight out of ten people will become infected with this virus at least once in their lifetime. HPV can cause cancer at a later age in both men and women, including cancer of the mouth, pharynx, anus, cervix and penis.

For this reason, we send both girls and boys an invitation to get vaccinated. After two vaccinations, your child will be effectively protected against the cancers that can be caused by HPV.

**Any questions?**

If you have any questions or if your child is nervous about the vaccination, you can discuss this 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 vaccination records at [rvp.nl/hpv](http://rvp.nl/hpv).

**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. The vaccinations are free. Bring the vaccination card and vaccination certificate with you when you bring your child to get vaccinated.

**Has your child already received the first vaccination against HPV?**

If so, use this letter to get the second vaccination and bring it to the appointment. Getting

both doses will ensure that your child is effectively protected.

What if there is no record of the first vaccination?

If this is the case, take a scan or picture of the vaccination certificate that you were given. You can send this scan or picture to us by email or by mail to the return address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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