

# WHAT IS

# HPV?

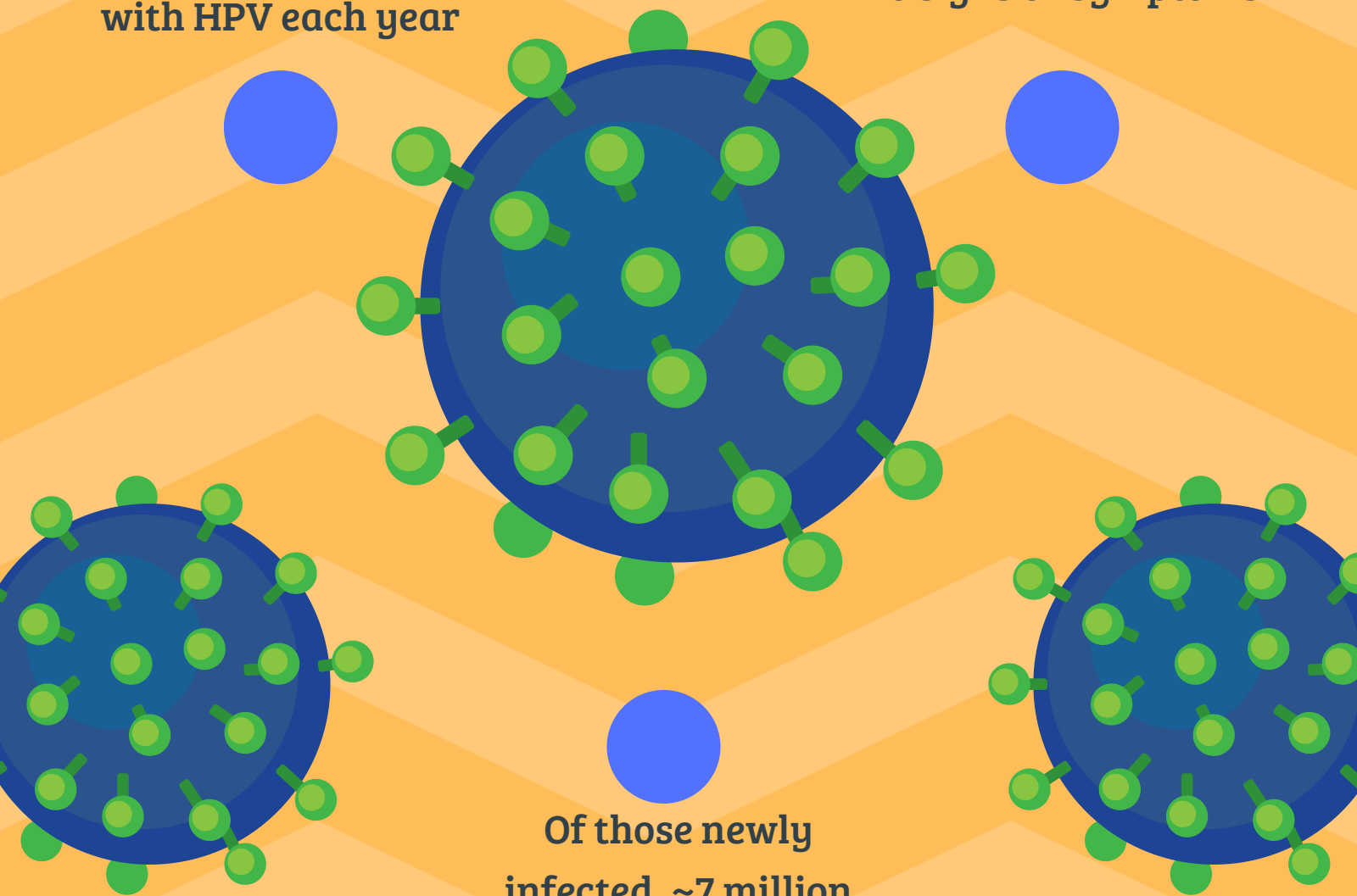
HPV (human papillomavirus) is a virus affecting both men and women and can cause serious side effects such as genital warts and oral, anal, vaginal, cervical, and vulvar cancers.



**HPV is spread through sexual contact (including anal, oral, or vaginal sex) and also genital skin-to-skin contact.**

~14 million people will become newly infected with HPV each year

HPV often spreads with no signs or symptoms



Of those newly infected, ~7 million will occur in people >25 years old.

**For most people, HPV clears on it's own. However, there is no way to predict who will or won't clear the virus.**



ASK OUR PROVIDERS ABOUT

# GARDASIL

If you are between 15 and 45 years of age, you can receive the Gardasil shot.

1

TODAY

2

2-3 MONTHS

3

6 MONTHS

Gardasil is given as 3 shots over a 6 month period.

## GETTING VACCINATED

- At the Student Health Center, vaccinations are \$144/injection (Ask about Family Pact)
- If you have private insurance and are under 26, your insurance should cover the cost at an outside Dr.'s office
- Effective at preventing 9 major strains of HPV that cause 70% of cervical cancers
- Does not replace the need for pap smears or barrier methods

## FAMILY PACT CAN HELP!

Ask our providers about Family Pact, a state-funded government program that can help pay for reproductive/ sexual health needs.

STI Screenings

Birth Control methods

Emergency contraception

HIV Testing

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