



What is HPV?

- A sexually transmitted infection that is caused by the human papillomavirus. HPV is not the same as HSV or HIV. At least 50% of sexually active people (men and women) get an HPV infection at some point in their lives.

What are symptoms that could occur?

- Visual genital warts or changes to the cervix, vulva, anus, or penis
- Most people have no symptoms

How is it spread?

- Spread through sexual contact with an infected person
- Most people are unaware they are infected and can spread the virus
- Incubation period can vary, so it's hard to determine when people get infected

How is it diagnosed and treated?

- Most women are diagnosed when they have an abnormal Pap test
- No tests are available to men
- Most infections go away on their own.

How can HPV be prevented?

- HPV vaccine series that can protect both men and women from common types of HPV
- Use condoms to help lower the risk
- Limit number of sexual partners to one

Are there complications?

- Not normally, but HPV can cause cervical and other cancers

Should the sick individual be isolated?

- No.

Should facilities do special cleaning?

- Special cleaning is not necessary. Routine cleaning with EPA approved products is recommended.

If I have any other questions, whom can I contact?

- Call the Genesee County Health Department at 257-1017