Both males and females can get a virus called HPV, or human papillomavirus.

Certain types of HPV can cause cervical cancer in females. Other types of HPV can cause genital warts in both males and females.

Exposure can happen with any kind of adolescent experimentation that involves genital contact with someone who has HPV — intercourse isn’t necessary.

Many people who have HPV do not even know it, because the virus often has no signs or symptoms.

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