

# Cancer Prevention Begins Early

Helping your child or teen form healthy habits now can lower their risk of developing cancer as an adult.



## Eat a healthy, mostly plant-based diet

Choose a lot of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, and limit red and processed meat.



## **Avoid sugary drinks**

Cut down on sodas, energy drinks, sports drinks, and juice, which are high in sugar and calories.



### Do not smoke or vape

Talk to your child about the dangers of smoking and vaping. Visit teen.smokefree.gov for tips.



#### Move every day

Take trips to the playground, go for walks in your neighborhood, or play a sport.



#### Be sun-safe

Find shade and wear a hat, long-sleeved shirt, and pants. Always use sunscreen.



#### Avoid too much screen time

Outside of schoolwork, try to limit time on phones, computers, and tablets.



## **Get the HPV vaccine**

Girls and boys should be vaccinated against the cancer-causing human papillomavirus (HPV) between the ages of 9 and 12. Teens and young adults can also get the vaccine.



## Make sleep a priority

Put away electronics and avoid physical activity or large meals right before bedtime. Additionally, try to keep a regular sleep schedule.



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