

# Cervical Cancer Screening

## Who Should Be Screened for Cervical Cancer?

All women who have a cervix should be screened for cervical cancer beginning at age 21, regardless of sexual history.

## How Often Should I Be Screened?

How often you are screened depends largely upon your age and doctor's recommendations. The following are general guidelines:

- **Women aged 21 to 65** should have a Pap test every 3 years.
- **Women aged 30 to 65** can be screened with a combination of Pap and human papillomavirus (HPV) testing every 5 years.
- **Women older than age 60** who have had adequate screening and are not at high risk should not be screened.

Women who have had a hysterectomy with removal of the cervix and who do not have a history of a high-grade precancerous lesion or cervical cancer should not be screened.

Women should not be screened for cervical cancer with HPV testing alone.

Some women, because of their history, may need to have a different screening schedule for cervical cancer.

## Did You Know?

*Cervical cancer used to be the leading cause of cancer death for women in the U.S. Regular Pap tests and screening have decreased this number dramatically.*



For more information, call City-County Health Department at 791-9272 or 452-0881 x308 or visit [www.cchdmt.org](http://www.cchdmt.org)