The research identified the human papillomavirus (HPV) as an emerging major health issue affecting rates and females as young as 9 years old. In the U.S., 50% females 18-26 years have been diagnosed with HPV infection. HPV is transmitted through sexual contact with infected individuals or asymptomatic carriers. A variety of HPV infections have been identified, from minor skin infections to severe cancers. The highest rates of genital HPV infection are found in adults between the ages of 18 and 28. An estimated 80% of sexually active women will acquire genital HPV by the age of 50 years. The majority of infections are brief and can resolve spontaneously. Persistent infection with high-risk HPV types can lead to the development of cervical cancer and other types of cancer. 

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Limitations 

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2. The sample size may not be representative of the overall college student population. 
3. The results may not be generalizable to other college populations, as the sample was restricted to CSUN students. 
4. The data collected may not be generalizable to other college populations due to the study's focus on a specific campus. 
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DISCUSSION 

Findings of the current research confirm the need for targeted HPV education and prevention programs for college students. 

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