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## Importance of Collecting Immunization Rates in Nevada

#### Nevada State Immunization Program

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### Learning Objectives



- 1. Explain why Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) collects immunization rates from schools and childcares
- 2. Explain difference in immunization compliance definitions in school setting
- 3. Explore the impact of religious exemptions in schools / childcares on childhood immunization rates



### **NV Immunization Requirements**



#### **School Requirements**

- Kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade requirements, University Entry
- DTaP, IPV, MMR, Hep B, Varicella, Hep A, Tdap, MenACWY

#### **Childcare Requirements**

- Hep B, DTaP, Hib, PCV13, IPV, MMR, Varicella, Hep A
- Children being admitted to childcare facility need to receive all required immunizations at the youngest recommended age per the recommendation of the CDC / ACIP.

NRS Information: Submit Rates | Immunize Nevada

School-required vaccine schedule: July 15, 2021 TB-IZ Exemption Requirement K12 (nv.gov)



### **Immunization Schedules**



#### **School Schedule**

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	Nevada School-Required Vaccination Schedule								
Required Vaccines	2 mo. of age	4 mo. of age	6 mo. of age	12-15 mo. of age	18-24 mo. of age	4-6 yrs. of age	11-12 yrs. of age	16 yrs. of age	Total Doses Required PRIOR to School Entry
DTP, DT, DTaP	1	2	3	4	1	5*			4 or 5 *If dose #4 is administered on or after 4th birthday, #5 is not needed
Polio (IPV)	1	2		3		4*			3 or 4 *If dose #3 is administered on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday, #4 is not needed.
MMR				1		2			(doses must be at least 4 weeks apart)
Hepatitis B	1	2		3					
Varicella				1		2			2
Hepatitis A				1	2				2 (doses must be at least 6 months apart)
Tdap							1		1
MCV4							1	2*	1 or 2 *If dose 1 is administered on or after 16th birthday, no further doses required.

Required Immunization	Age Range	Dose Number	Age Required*	
Hepatitis B	6-18 months	3	6 months	
DTaP	15-18 months	4	15 months	
DTaP	4-6 years	5	4 years	
Hib	12-15 months	3 or 4	12 months	
PCV13	12-15 months	4	12 months	
Polio (IPV)	6-18 months	3	6 months	
Polio (IPV)	4-6 years	4	4 years	
MMR	12-15 months	1	12 months	
MMR	4-6 years	2	4 years	
Varicella	12-15 months	1	12 months	
Varicella	4-6 years	2	4 years	
Hepatitis A	12-23 months	1 12 months		
Hepatitis A	18-23 months	2	18 months	

<sup>\*</sup>Age required if minimum interval has passed



### **University Requirements**



- We do not collect university immunization rates at the State level, but there are still certain requirements for students enrolling in a university in Nevada
- Students must submit proof of immunity to tetanus, diphtheria (Td or Tdap), measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) before enrolling.
- Students younger than 23 and enrolled as a freshman must also submit proof of immunity against meningitis – One dose of MenACWY on or after age 16 will satisfy this requirement.
- UNR: <u>Immunization Requirements | Freshman Admissions | University of Nevada, Reno (unr.edu)</u>
- UNLV: <u>Immunizations | Office of the Registrar | University of Nevada, Las Vegas (unlv.edu)</u>





### Why do we collect rates?

- Important if there's an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease
- Collaborate with Department of Education (DOE) and Immunize Nevada to discuss school immunization rates





### How do we collect this data?



#### RedCap surveys that are accessible to schools and childcares

 We collect school information, enrollment numbers, up to date rates for vaccines in each grade, exemptions, number of students with conditional enrollment and/or non-compliance

Surveys open in September each year, due by December 31 annually

Accessible here: <u>Submit Rates | Immunize Nevada</u>



### Rate Reporting Definitions



#### Up to date (UTD)

Students have all the doses of the required vaccines for school / childcare entry

#### Conditional enrollment

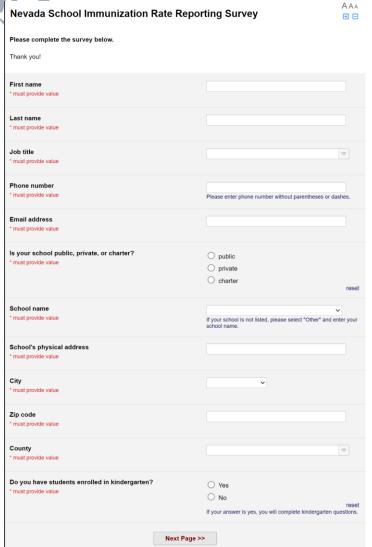
 The student does not have the required immunizations due to the minimum age requirements and / or dose intervals and is in the process of completing the series of shots.

#### Non-compliant

 The student does not have required immunizations, does not have a signed medical or religious exemption, and is not considered conditional.



### **School Survey**



Nevada School Immunization Rate Rep	oorting Survey	A A
Kindergarten		
(1) Total # of students enrolled in kindergarten * must provide value		
(2a) Total # of students UTD for DTaP * must provide value	DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus and aceilular pertussis	
(2b) Total # of students UTD for IPV * must provide value	IPV: Polio	
(2c) Total # of students UTD for Hep B * must provide value	Hep B: Hepatitis B	
(2d) Total # of students UTD for Hep A * must provide value	Hep A: Hepatitis A	
(2e) Total # of students UTD for MMR *must provide value	MMR: Measles, mumps, and rubella	
(2f) Total # of students UTD for Varicella *must provide value	Varicella: Chickenpox	
(3) Total # of students medically exempt from any required vaccines * must provide value		
(3a) Total # of students medically exempt from DTaP * must provide value	DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis	
(3b) Total # of students medically exempt from IPV must provide value	IPV: Polio	
(3c) Total # of students medically exempt from Hep B * must provide value	Hep B: Hepatitis B	
(3d) Total # of students medically exempt from Hep A * must provide value	Hep A: Hepatitis A	
(3e) Total # of students medically exempt from MMR * must provide value	MMR: Measles, mumps and rubella	
(3f) Total # of students medically exempt from Varicella * must provide value	Varicella: Chickenpox	
(4) Total # of students religiously exempt from any required vaccines *must provide value		
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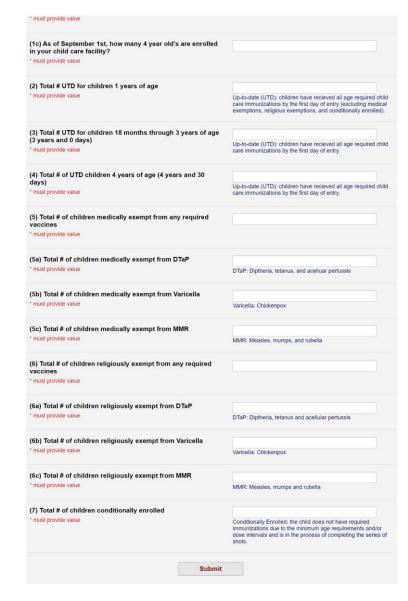
(3e) Total # of students medically exempt from MMR * must provide value	MMR: Measles, mumps and rubella
(3f) Total # of students medically exempt from Varicella * must provide value	Varicella: Chickenpox
(4) Total # of students religiously exempt from any required vaccines * must provide value	
(4a) Total # of students religiously exempt from DTaP  *must provide value	DTaP: Diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis
(4b) Total # of students religiously exempt from IPV * must provide value	IPV: Pollo
(4c) Total # of students religiously exempt from Hep B * must provide value	Hep B: Hepatitis B
(4d) Total # of students religiously exempt from Hep A * must provide value	Hep A: Hepatitis A
(4e) Total # of students religiously exempt from MMR * must provide value	MMR: Measles, mumps and rubella
(4f) Total # of students religiously exempt from Varicella * must provide value	Varicella: Chickenpox
(5) Total # of students exempt from all required vaccines * must provide value	
(6) Total # of students with documented Varicella disease * must provide value	
(7) Total # of students conditionally enrolled * must provide value	Conditionally Enrolled: the student does not have required immunizations due to the minimum age requirements and/or does intervals and is in the process of completing the series of shots.
(8) Total # of students non-compliant * must provide value	Non-compliant: the student does not have required immunizations, does not have a signed medical or religious exemption form, and is not considered conditional.
Do you have students enrolled in 7th grade? * must provide value	○ Yes ○ No reset If your answer is yes, you will complete 7th grade questions.
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Source: Annual RedCap Survey

### Childcare Survey

Nevada Child Care Facility Immunization Rate Reporting Survey  AAA □ □				
Please complete the survey below. Thank you!				
First name * must provide value				
Last name * must provide value				
Job title * must provide value	•			
Phone number * must provide value	Please enter phone number without parentheses or dashes.			
Email address * must provide value				
Child care facility name * must provide value	If your child care facility is not listed, please select other and enter your facility name.			
Child care facility's physical address *must provide value				
City * must provide value	•			
Zip Code * must provide value				
County * must provide value	•			
Child Care Facility				
(1) As of September 1st, how many children are enrolled in your child care facility? * must provide value				
(1a) As of September 1st, how many one (1) year old children are enrolled in your child care facility?  * must provide value				
(1b) As of September 1st, how many 18 month through 3 year old children are enrolled in your child care facility?  * must provide value				
(1c) As of September 1st, how many 4 year old's are enrolled in your child care facility?				





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### What do we do with this data?



- Immunization report cards
- Identify schools / childcares with religious exemption rates above 5%
  - 39% of public schools kindergarten
  - 47% of private schools kindergarten
  - 25% of childcare facilities
- Send kindergarten immunization data to CDC annually, which gets published to School Vax View
  - SchoolVaxView | CDC

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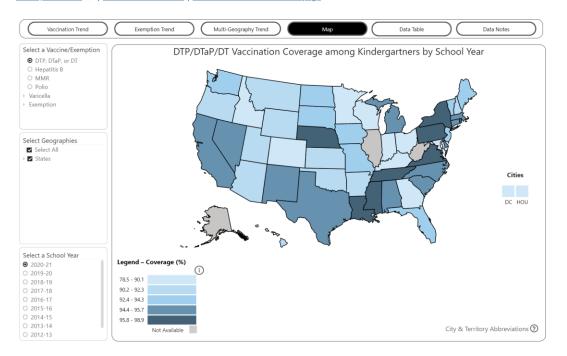


### Kindergarten Immunization Rates by State



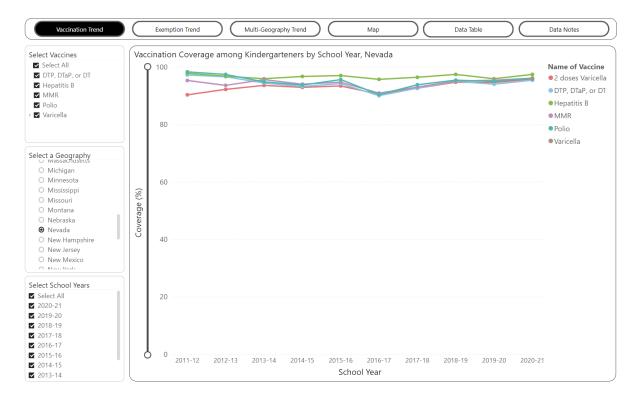


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Source: SchoolVaxView, CDC 12



### Exemptions in Nevada



#### 2 types of exemptions in Nevada

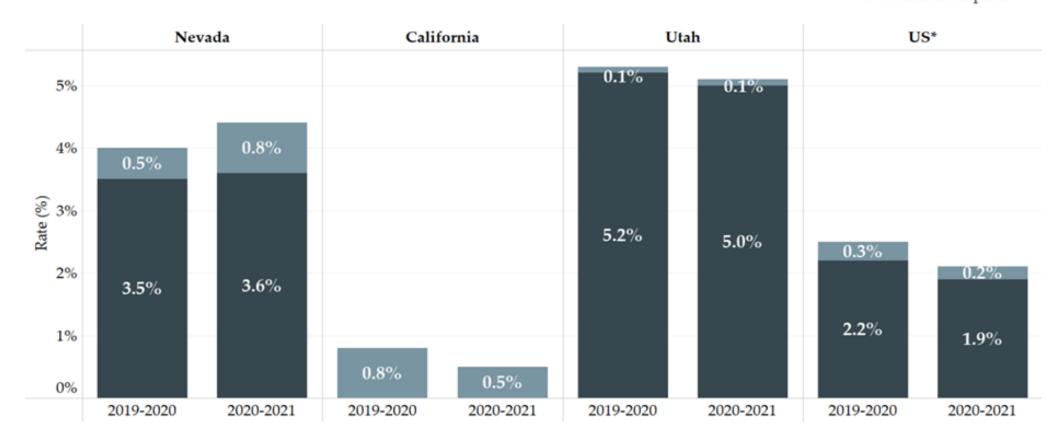
- Religious Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) State Religious Immunization Certificate provided by parent / guardian who prohibits the immunization(s) of student due to religious beliefs, and updates it annually
- Medical Parent / guardian provided NV DPBH State Medical Immunization Exemption Certificate signed by licensing physician (MD or DO) or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) stating that the medical condition of the student will not permit the student to be immunized. This may or may not have an expiration date attached.



### National Kindergarten Exemption Rates

Kindergarten Vaccination Exemption Rates Vaccination Coverage Rates in Nevada, the US\*, and Neighboring States for SY1920 - SY2021

■ Medical Exemption \*\*
■ Non-Medical Exemption\*\*



<sup>\*\*</sup>Denotes any exemption type that is not a medical exemption, including religious and philosophical exemptions.

Source: NCIRD, SY19-20-SY20-21 14



### Impact of Religious Exemptions



- Decline in immunization rates over the past few years, and increase in religious exemptions
- Some factors of childhood / adolescent rates declining may be due to:
  - COVID-19 pandemic
  - Rising vaccine hesitancy
  - Political factors
  - Misinformation + disinformation



### How can we improve rates?



• Everyone can be involved and advocate for immunizations

School and childcare staff can join the School and Childcare Taskforce (SCTF)
monthly meetings to collaborate on improving vaccine rates in our
communities

 Providers / clinics can provide opportunities for families to access low cost routine immunizations year round, focusing especially in underserved areas where people may not have insurance





# Questions?



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### Acronyms



DPBH – Division of Public and

Behavioral Health

NSIP – Nevada State Immunization

Program

UTD – Up to date

NRS – Nevada Revised Statutes

CDC – Centers for Disease Control &

Prevention

ACIP – Advisory Committee on

**Immunization Practices** 

DTaP – Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis

IPV – Inactivated Polio Vaccine

Hib – Haemophilus Influenzae Type B

MMR – Measles, Mumps, Rubella

Hep A – Hepatitis B

Hep B – Hepatitis A

PCV13 – Pneumoccocal Conjugate

Vaccine

Tdap – Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis

MenACWY – Meningococcal ACWY