

# Oregon Immunization Program: Overview

Public Health Division

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# Oregon Immunization Program (OIP)

- Vaccine Supply & Access/Enrollment.
- Data Systems (ALERT IIS).
- School immunization requirements.
- Immunization Training, Customer Support, Technical Assistance – education of providers and parents.
- Surveillance & Response Quality Management – Flu shots, measles, school law.
- Support of statewide advocacy coalitions such as Immunize Oregon and Boost.
- Federal funding for COVID-19 Grants.
- Partnership with Oregon Tribes.
- Working with public health partners to preventing disease in Oregon.

# Vaccines for Children (VFC)

## \*birth thru 18 years

- VFC providers have direct access to the younger patient population.
- Though the VFC and COVID-19 Vaccination programs are both federal government programs, they each have distinct requirements.
- The provider agreements remain separate and VFC providers must sign and adhere to the requirements of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement in order to receive and administer COVID-19 vaccines.
- Includes Medicaid, CHIP, uninsured, AI/AN and children served at FQHC's/RHCs.

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- For all kids, 30% are on Medicaid in Oregon according the Kaiser Family Foundation;
- in the 0-5 age range, we tend to see a higher percentage in our immunization data- for example, in this last season 39% of flu shots in the 0-5 range went to kids with a Medicaid ID.
- Among Oregon private practices serving children, 65% gave flu shots under VFC eligibility to kids age 0 to 5(mostly Medicaid).
- 88% of our VFC providers have enrolled to receive COVID, and of those, about 90% have already ordered and administered COVID.

# What are Section-317 Funded Vaccines?

- Federal Section-317 funds are grants provided to states to expand immunization services. Providers can use 317 vaccines to immunize uninsured adults and conduct public health preparedness and response activities.
- Vaccines for uninsured adults are Oregon's primary use of these funds.
- Only available for "public" or "vaccine access" providers

## Who is eligible to receive 317 Vaccine?

- Only for ages 19+ with no insurance, or insurance that does not include any immunization coverage.



# 317 Vaccine and the Vaccine Access Program (VAP)

## What is a VAP Provider?

- A public or private clinic that receives state-supplied vaccines to cover their whole patient population, including VFC-eligible children, uninsured adults and privately insured children and adults.
- This includes all LPHAs in Oregon and may include school-based health clinics, correctional facilities, community paramedics, community-based organizations, and non-traditional vaccinators like naturopaths and substance use recovery agencies.
- One main goal of the VAP is to offer no-cost and low-cost vaccine to clinics who serve marginalized and high-risk communities.
- Most vaccines provided to VAP providers for un/underinsured adults are 317-funded vaccines.

# OIP Vaccine Compliance Visits

- OIP makes compliance visits to all VFC providers at 25% annually.
- **Compliance visits are standard for OIP, not new for COVID.**
- These visits are an educational/training opportunity.
- COVID-19 – About 25% - visits completed by ORPRN site visitors as well as Benton, Douglas, Josephine and Morrow counties.

# Data!

We use immunizations as a building block for preventive care, yet how do we measure our success or identify challenges? Three good methods are available for measuring rates in Oregon, with respective roles and caveats:

- Oregon countywide population-based rates from ALERT;
- National population-based survey rates from the National Immunization Survey (NIS); and
- Oregon clinic-specific rates from ALERT.



# How we contribute

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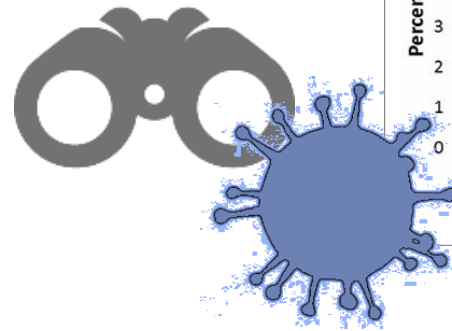
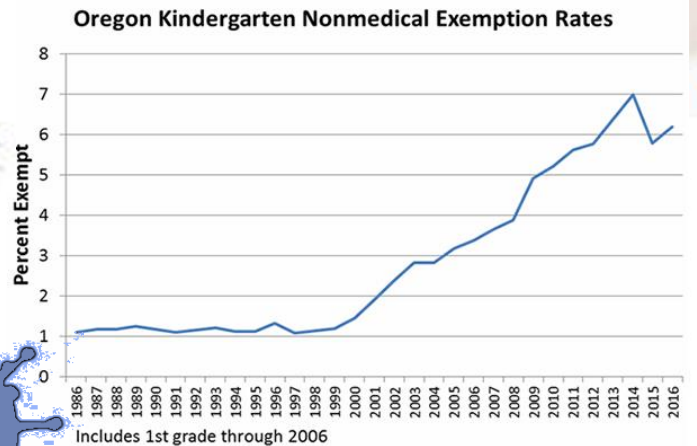
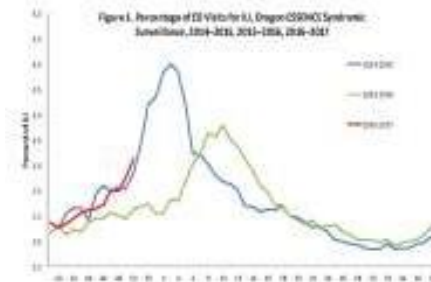
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 December 15, December 17, 2014 (Week 51)

|  | Current Week (51) | Previous Week (50) |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| Percentage of emergency department visits for ILI* | 2.7%              | 4.7%               |
| Percentage positive influenza tests†               | 25.7%             | 18.1%              |
| Influenza-associated hospitalizations†             | 11                | 33                 |
| Reported influenza outbreaks                       | 4                 | 8                  |
| Influenza-associated pediatric mortality           | 0                 | 0                  |
| Percentage of outpatient visits for ILI            | 2.4%              | 4.1%               |
| Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) activity‡        | 1%                | 3%                 |

\*Based on data reported to the Oregon Health Division. †Based on data reported to the Oregon Health Division. ‡Based on data reported to the Oregon Health Division. ††Based on data reported to the Oregon Health Division. ‡‡Based on data reported to the Oregon Health Division.

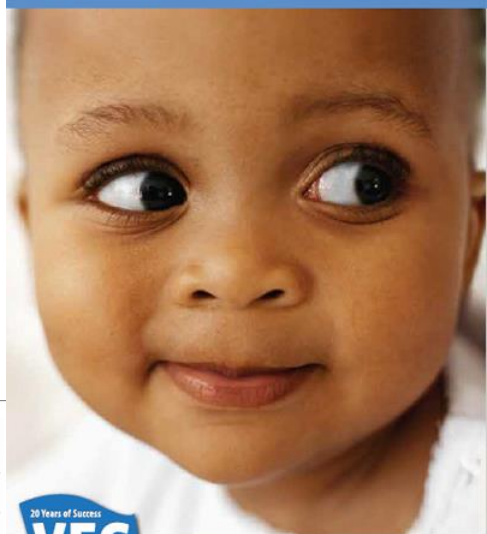
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 Vaccines for Children Program

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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Explore OIP's data and reports page to learn about immunization rates in your area:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINES/IMMUNIZATION/Pages/research.aspx>



Thank you!



