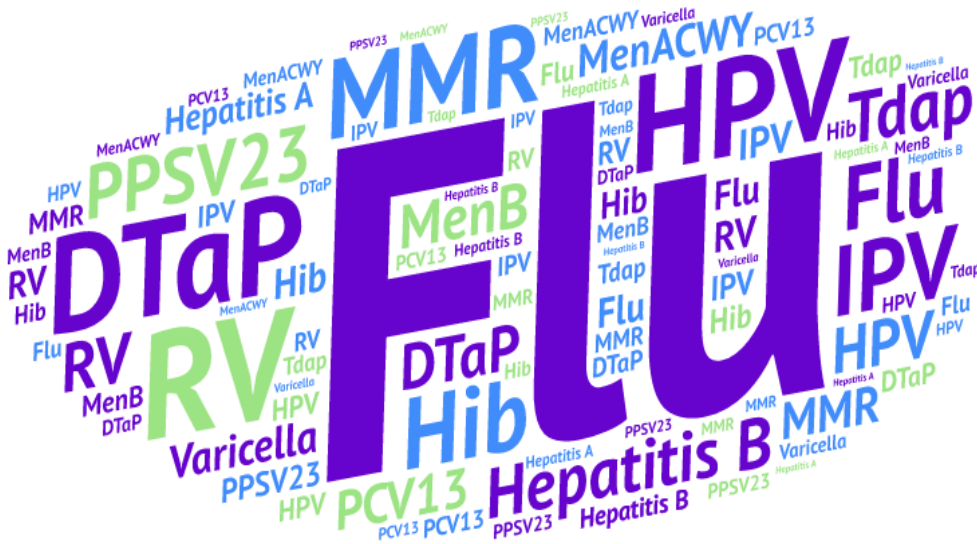


# Vaccination Vitals

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## HPV - 2 or 3?

Good news, everyone! On a statewide level the HPV vaccine coverage rate has increased from **29% to 36%**. This is great news for cancer prevention as HPV accounts for over 30,000 cases of cancer each year (CDC.gov).

This increase in rates follows a change in the immunization schedule for teens. The new schedule decreases the recommendation from 3 shots to 2 for certain age groups and should make it easier for teens and parents to complete the series! The new schedule recommendations are below:

- **For persons initiating vaccination before age 15**, the recommended immunization schedule is 2 doses of HPV vaccine at 0, 6-12 months
- **For persons initiating vaccination at age 15 years or older**, the recommended immunization schedule is 3 doses of HPV vaccine at 0, 1-2, 6 months.

The update to a 2 dose schedule for girls and boys who initiate the vaccination series at ages 9 through 14 years was determined at the October meeting for the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). For information on why this decision was made, please read CDC's December 2016 MMWR here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6549a5.htm>.

To increase immunization rates even further with this new schedule we encourage you to give a **strong recommendation** for the HPV vaccination to every eligible patient. Remember, it is best for this vaccination to be given around ages 11-12 before exposure to HPV occurs.

"Recommendations are most impactful when they are presented as presumptive; e.g. 'We have to do some shots today' as opposed to participatory 'What do you want to do about shots?'"  
— **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases**



### Looking for ways to increase HPV vaccination coverage rates?

MDHHS wants to help you! MDHHS is searching for practices with 500 or more adolescent patients who would like assistance with meeting the new 2017 HEDIS Indicator for adolescent immunization. Learn more by completing the online form linked below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QIHPV>

# Get the Facts Straight. Go to IVACCINATE (.ORG)

## What is IVACCINATE.ORG?

I Vaccinate ([www.ivaccinate.org](http://www.ivaccinate.org)) is a public health education campaign designed to help parents protect their children from vaccine-preventable diseases. The campaign is based on a partnership between MDHHS and the Franny Strong Foundation.

## Who should use IVACCINATE.ORG?

Parents can use the site to learn more about vaccinations and make informed decisions. Office staff and providers can use I VACCINATE as a resource to refer patients with questions about vaccines.

## Why is this campaign important?

- *Michigan ranks **43rd lowest** in the U.S. for immunization coverage among children 19 - 35 months old.*
- *The CDC estimates that childhood vaccines prevent 20 million cases of disease and save 42,000 lives every year.*
- *Every \$1 spent on vaccines saves \$3 in medical care costs that are avoided.*

## How can I help the I VACCINATE Campaign?

A toolkit has been developed for your use with key communications tools to support the launch of this campaign. We need your help to get the word out that vaccines are safe, effective, and save lives! Please use the materials in the toolkit (<https://ivaccinate.org/toolkit/> - password is ivaccinate) to urge your stakeholders or members to learn about the campaign and engage with it. Please "like" I Vaccinate on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/IVaccinateMI>) and use your knowledge to engage in positive and respectful immunization conversations with Michigan families.

**Tell parents to visit [www.ivaccinate.org](http://www.ivaccinate.org) for vaccine information!**

## 5 Reasons to Schedule an Immunization Update Session

1. Staff can earn **free** Continuing Medical Education (CME) or Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) credits
2. New staff can be educated on immunization basics
3. Experienced staff get a refresher and learn about updates to the immunization schedule
4. Staff can ask questions about immunizations and learn about resources to assist with common barriers
5. Sessions are free and Local Health Department staff will come to you to deliver them

***What are you waiting for?***

**Call Carlene Lockwood at 517-284-4884 for more information or your Local Health Department contact to set up a session! Read more here: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/1\\_PEPPI\\_370538\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/1_PEPPI_370538_7.pdf).**

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