

# ANNUAL IMMUNIZATION RATE REPORTING REMINDER

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To: Nevada Public, Private, and Charter School Chief School Nurses, Officials, & Administrators; Child Care Facility Directors & Officials; and Accommodation Care Facility Directors & Officials

Over the last few years, many children and adolescents have fallen behind on routine vaccines and wellness visits. According to [CDC's January 2023 Morbidity and Mortality News Synopsis](#), during the 2021-22 school year, national coverage with state-required vaccines decreased again among kindergarten students from 94% to 93%. An additional 4.4% of kindergarten students without an exemption were not up to date with measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. MMR coverage of 93% translates to approximately 250,000 kindergartners not protected against measles, which can lead to outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases. Routine, influenza, COVID-19, and other CDC recommended vaccines are safe, effective, and continue to prevent against diseases that once killed or harmed many infants, children, and adults. It is important for all individuals to be up-to-date on their routine, flu, and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) [392.435](#), [394.192](#), [432A.230](#), and [432A.235](#), each public, private, and charter school, child care facility, and accommodation facility *must* submit immunization information to the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health every year. The Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) requests that schools and child care facilities submit their 2023-24 mandatory immunization reporting surveys by Sunday, December 31, 2023. The reporting surveys are available on the Immunize Nevada website at: <https://www.immunizenevada.org/submit-rates>, along with resources and instruction packets.

Immunization requirements and COVID-19 resources are available to provide equitable access to vaccinations:

- Connect with local health care providers, pharmacies, community/public health nurses, or county health districts for access to vaccines or [Vaccines.gov - Find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you](#) for COVID-19 and flu vaccines.
- [School and Child Care Immunizations \(nv.gov\)](#) for Nevada school/ child care facility immunizations resources and links to Technical Bulletins.
- <https://www.facebook.com/NevadaStateImmunizationProgram> for NSIP Facebook announcements.
- [Health Facilities Listservs \(nv.gov\)](#) for Nevada child care listserv email list.

Please email [nviz@health.nv.gov](mailto:nviz@health.nv.gov) with questions on Nevada's school, child care, or accommodation facility vaccination requirements.