

# VACCINATION COVERAGE FOR FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

VACCINES WORK!

Some vaccine-preventable diseases have almost disappeared among First Nations.

Between 2011 and 2016:

## NO NEW

reported cases of measles, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria and polio<sup>1</sup>

## LOW NUMBER

of reported cases of mumps, haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) and invasive meningococcal disease<sup>1</sup>

Without ongoing vaccination efforts, these diseases can become more common again.



As health care providers you can contribute towards achieving higher vaccination coverage for First Nations by:

- ✓ Keeping your vaccination practice and knowledge current
- ✓ Reviewing client vaccination records at each health visit
- ✓ Facilitating open discussion with clients about vaccination
- ✓ Providing reliable vaccine resources to clients

Health care providers play an important role in achieving vaccination coverage goals for First Nations.

CANADA'S GOAL BY 2025:

# 95%



of Canadian children will have received all recommended doses of childhood vaccinations on time.<sup>2</sup>

The % of First Nations children who are fully vaccinated by the age of 2 years is within similar ranges as provincial and national estimates.<sup>3</sup>

Between 2011 and 2016:

WITHIN  
**81-84%**<sup>4</sup>  
Measles, mumps and rubella

WITHIN  
**68-73%**<sup>4</sup>  
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib

<sup>1</sup> Indigenous Services Canada data (2017) includes vaccine preventable disease data collected from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic regional offices for First Nations on reserve.

<sup>2</sup> <https://bit.ly/2KCWkBh>

<sup>3</sup> Indigenous Services Canada data (2017) includes immunization data collected from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and Atlantic regional offices for First Nations on reserve.

<sup>4</sup> This percentage may be an underestimation of individuals immunized in First Nations communities, as vaccines can be given off reserve through other non-Indigenous Services Canada primary care and public health providers.

Check out the First Nations vaccination resources for health care providers, parents, caregivers and communities:

Don't Wait, Vaccinate!  
<https://bit.ly/2Ks6zsd>

Share a moment, not the flu  
<https://bit.ly/2Qm3DIZ>

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