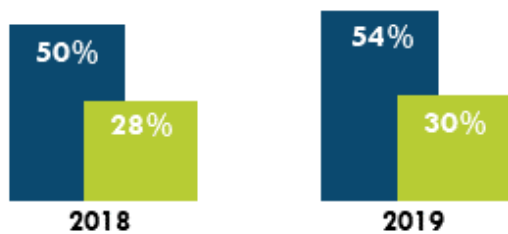


ASSESSMENT OF HPV VACCINATIONS IN CALIFORNIA & ACTION STEPS: LOCAL IMMUNIZATION COALITIONS & HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

HPV vaccine series **initiation** and **completion** for California's 13-year-olds remains far below the 80% goal.

Benchmark 80%



Source: Data was gathered for adolescents ages 9-13 from the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). CAIR is a secure, confidential, statewide computerized immunization information system for California residents. To learn more about CAIR, please visit cairweb.org.

KEY FINDINGS

- In 2019, 54% of adolescents in California had initiated the HPV vaccine series and only 30% had completed the HPV vaccine series by their 13th birthday
- Rural counties maintained the lowest rates of vaccination
- California counties with the highest historic rates of HPV-attributable cancers represent:
 - The Northern third of the state
 - More rural than urban counties
- HPV attributable cancers include cervical, oropharyngeal, anal, penile, vaginal, and vulvar cancers

HPV VACCINATION IS CANCER PREVENTION. THE HPV VACCINE SERIES SHOULD BE STARTED AT 9-12 YEARS, WHEN IT IS MOST EFFECTIVE.

ACTION STEPS FOR LOCAL IMMUNIZATION COALITIONS & HEALTH DEPARTMENTS



Reference the OPA website (<https://www.opa.ca.gov/>) to identify medical groups in your jurisdiction where immunizations for teens are lagging, and work with those medical groups to implement strategies to improve HPV vaccination.



Ask your Medi-Cal managed care plans about adding IMA-2 to their Pay for Performance programs and add a member incentive for completing these vaccines.



Use results to discuss how you can support Medi-Cal managed care health plans and adolescent care providers in your jurisdiction to raise adolescent immunization coverage.

To read the full report, visit www.cahpvroundtable.org