NEVADA ORAL HEALTH MATTERS LEGISLATIVE DAYS - MARCH 25-26, 2021

# VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

BY LICENSED DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

A PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE VACCINATION RATES
AND ACCESS TO BASIC HEALTHCARE IN NEVADA

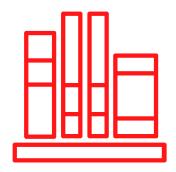


#### WHO ARE THEY

Licensed Dental Practitioners in Nevada include dentists, dental hygienists, and dental therapists.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Licensed Dental Practitioners are an educated readymade workforce that routinely administers oral injections, and are specifically trained in pharmacology, anatomy and physiology, medical emergencies, and CPR with continuing education.





## MORE TIME AT THE DENTIST

In 2017, 31 million people sought care from a dental provider, but not a medical provider.

-Agency for Health Research and Quality https://www.ahrq.gov

### DISEASE PROTECTION

Scientists have developed vaccines to protect us from 18 diseases, including polio, measles, mumps, rubella, shingles, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, tetanus, HPV, whooping cough, chicken pox, flu, and COVID-19.
-Immunize Nevada, 2021
https://www.immunizenevada.org





## THE CORRELATION

70% of oropharyngeal cancers are related to the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a vaccine for HPV in June 2020.

-Centers for Disease Control (CDC) March 2018 https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/hpv/basic\_info/cancers.htm

#### EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, SAFE

Administration of vaccines by Licensed Dental Practitioners offers an effective, efficient, and safe\* way to increase access to care and improve the health of Nevada's residents.



\*PROPOSED LANGUAGE INCLUDES ALL VACCINATIONS AND CLEARLY DEFINED SAFETY PROTOCOLS INCLUDING TRAINING, AUTHORIZATION, ADMINISTRATION, DOCUMENTATION, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION.

