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Nevada Continues to See Improvements in Childhood Immunization Rates

Nevada's immunization ranking improves from 51st in the nation to 45th

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division is pleased to announce continued improvements in the state's childhood immunization rates. The newly released US National Immunization Mid-Year Survey for 2010-2011 shows that Nevada's immunization ranking improved from 51st in the nation to 45th for vaccine coverage in 19-35 month-old children.

State Health Officer Dr. Tracey Green said, "Though we are closing the gap in our ranking and continue to see a decrease in vaccine preventable diseases due to our endeavors, Nevada will continue to bolster efforts to protect and immunize our children and residents. We are seeing the positive effects of the mandatory reporting statute for the state immunization registry, WebIZ. This statute became effective on July 1, 2009 and was amended in January 2010 to require all childhood, adolescent and adult immunizations be recorded in the state immunization registry."

In addition, Nevada is the eighth leading state who had the greatest improvement in this rate.

For more information about immunizations or the Immunization Program, please go to:
<http://health.nv.gov/Immunization.htm>.

For more information about the Nevada State Health Division, go to: <http://health.nv.gov>.

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