

Richard Whitley, MS
Administrator

Tracey D. Green, M.D.
State Health Officer



Contact Name: Martha Framsted, PIO
Phone Number: 775.684.4014
Date: September 16, 2010
Page: 1 of 1

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION

NEWS RELEASE

Nevada Continues to See Improvements in Childhood Immunization Rates

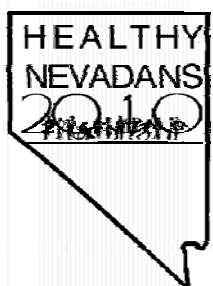
Nevada's immunization ranking improves from 47th in the nation to 45th

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division is pleased to announce continued improvements in the state's childhood immunization rates. The newly released 2009 US National Immunization Survey (a vaccination coverage survey of children born during January 2006-June 2008) shows that Nevada's immunization ranking improved from 47th in the nation to 45th for vaccine coverage in 19-35 month-old children.

Christi Smith, Nevada Immunization Program Manager 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."

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

###



Richard Whitley, Administrator

4150 Technology Way, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89706
Phone (775) 684-4200, Fax (775) 684-4211
NEVADA STATE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER