

Oregon Adolescent Immunization Rates as of May, 2014

This is the second year that the Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) has published Oregon statewide and county adolescent immunization rates. These rates are based on data drawn from the Oregon ALERT Immunization Information System (ALERT IIS). ALERT IIS is a statewide registry receiving immunization records from 89% of Oregon medical providers who give immunizations. As in the 2013 report, rates are presented for vaccines that protect against tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap), meningococcal disease (MCV), human papillomavirus (HPV) and influenza.

Oregon adolescent immunization rates increased slightly from May of 2013 to May of 2014. Among teenagers between 13 and 17 years of age, the rate for Tdap immunization increased statewide from 89.8% to 90.5%. Tdap is required for school attendance in Oregon for the 7th grade and above, although exemptions are allowed. MCV, HPV and influenza immunization rates also increased, with the largest increase for HPV immunization seen among adolescent males. From 2013 to 2014, the percentage of Oregon adolescent males with at least one HPV immunization jumped from 26% to 39%. HPV, MCV and influenza immunizations are not required for Oregon schools.