

Interpretation

In 2010, 71.9 percent of children ages 19 to 35 months received the recommended childhood vaccines. This percentage has fluctuated over the past five years with the highest percentage reported most recently in 2014 (74.5 percent of children receiving the recommended vaccines). Nationally, the percentage of children receiving recommended vaccines also fluctuated. While Delaware's vaccination coverage exceeds that of the U.S., it falls short of the Healthy People 2020 goal of 80 percent.

Addressing the Health Issue

Immunizations protect children from the transmission of preventable diseases. The Immunization Program (IP) provides educational materials, information, and resources about the significance of immunizing children and staying current with recommended vaccines. The IP administers the Vaccines for Children program with funding provided by with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide vaccines to uninsured children in Delaware.

¹ Recommended vaccines include ≥ 4 doses of DTaP, ≥ 3 doses of poliovirus vaccine, ≥ 1 dose of measles vaccine, full series of Hib (3 or 4 doses, depending on product), ≥ 3 doses of HepB, ≥ 1 dose of varicella vaccine, and ≥ 4 doses of PCV.

² The Delaware target was established in DPH's Strategic Plan to be met by 2020 to reflect the Healthy People 2020 goal.

³ Source: CDC's National Immunization Survey.