

DENVER METRO ALLIANCE FOR HPV PREVENTION

HPVFreeCO.org

Improve your HPV vaccination rates!

Free Maintenance of Certification/Continuing Medical Education Credits available

WHY INCREASE YOUR HPV VACCINATION RATES?

Every year in the United States, 30,700 people are diagnosed with a cancer caused by HPV. **That's one case every 20 minutes!** The HPV vaccine can prevent most of these cases. Yet across the nation, Colorado, and the Denver-metro area, rates lag far behind the Healthy People 2020 goal of 80% of adolescents completing the HPV series, despite much higher rates for other vaccines recommended at this age. Every year we remain at 30% HPV coverage, we will fail to prevent thousands of new cancer cases and deaths.

Completion rates: 13-17 year olds (June 2016)

	3+ HPV	1+ Tdap	1+ MCV4
Adams	35%	84%	78%
Arapahoe	34%	83%	78%
Denver	44%	84%	81%
Douglas	26%	84%	76%
Jefferson	31%	86%	78%

HOW ARE WE WORKING TO INCREASE VACCINATION RATES?

The Denver Metro Alliance for HPV Prevention is a collaborative partnership between your local health departments, University of Colorado researchers, and immunization advocacy groups which received funding to assist providers in Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties to improve their HPV vaccination rates. The Alliance developed a **Practice Toolkit** containing a variety of resources that are:

- Customizable,
- Grounded in quality improvement techniques, and
- Adapted from the CDC and major medical associations.

One of the most consistent predictors of HPV vaccination is **if and how a provider introduces and recommends the vaccine** to a parent. **Standing orders, reminder/recall, and referral to community immunization providers** are proven to increase vaccination completion rates as well.

These strategies are detailed step-by-step in the Practice Toolkit.

HOW WILL WE HELP YOUR PRACTICE?

If your practice chooses to implement this toolkit you will **receive free direct, ongoing support from a local public health nurse** to increase your rates. Support includes:

- **Free Maintenance of Certification and/or Continuing Medical Education credits,**
- Sharing your practice's vaccination rates at regular intervals,
- Access to free communication materials such as fact sheets, posters, and rack cards, and
- Food for all in-person meetings.

HOW LONG DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

Projects will run for six months and time commitment is dependent on quality improvement strategy chosen.

To participate or for more information, contact:

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