

IT'S TIME FOR 9

**Updates on HPV Vaccination
in Alaska**



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and title in the chat**



HPV Cancer Free AK

The HPV Vaccination Committee is part of the Alaska Cancer Partnership. Comprised of partners working in HPV Vaccination, the committee organizes an annual statewide vaccination campaign to increase rates through health systems change.

August is Alaska HPV Vaccination Month.

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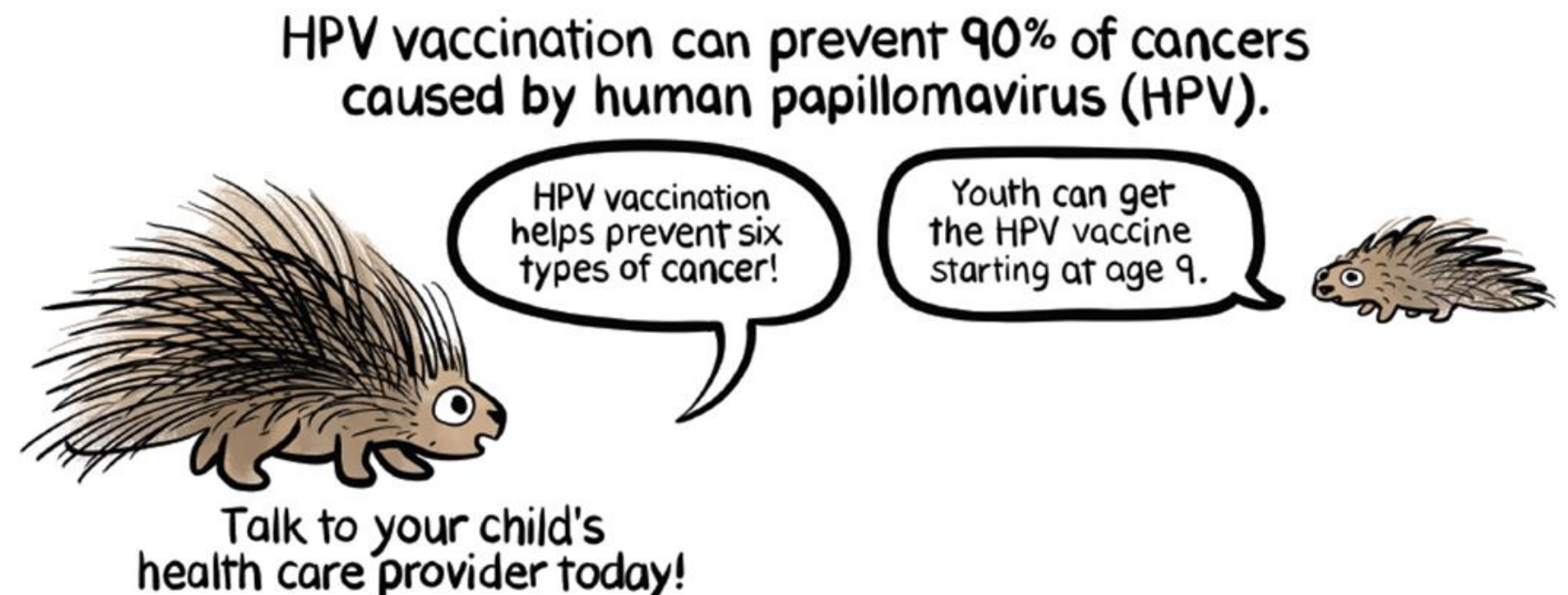
Visit HPVCancerFreeAK.org



Sign-up as an official Partner of Alaska HPV Vaccination Month



Order no-cost HPV vaccination materials and choose at least one evidence-based activity





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Welcome to *HPV Vaccination Webinar*

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Evidence for Starting HPV at Age 9

Sherri Zorn, MD, FAAP

Pediatrician

Quality Improvement Coach

Consultant

Washington State

August 5, 2025

HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention

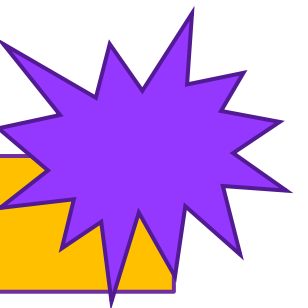


2025: CDC schedule

RECOMMENDED VACCINES	7 YEARS	8 YEARS	9 YEARS	10 YEARS	11 YEARS	12 YEARS	13 YEARS	Number of doses 2 doses (0, 6-12 months) if starting series before 15 th birthday 3 doses (0,1-2, 6 months) if starting series on or after 15 th birthday or if immunocompromising condition
HPV								
Tdap ¹								
Meningococcal ACWY								

“HPV vaccination is routinely recommended at age 11 or 12 years;
vaccination can be given starting at age 9 years.”

Starting at age 9 fits within CDC recommendations since 2006!

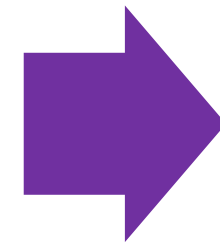


The Problem

**Barriers to HPV
vaccination**

Access
Awareness
Hesitancy
Stigma - STD

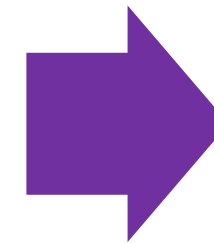
Szilagyi, Vaccine (2020)
Morales-Campos, Pediatr Clin North Am (2023)



**HPV vaccination rates
are below goal in U.S.**

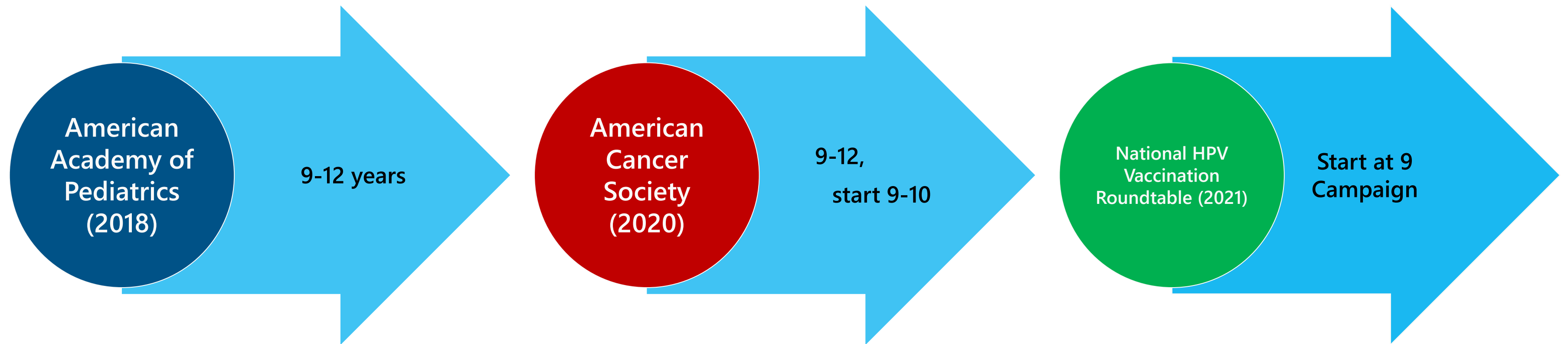
By the 13th birthday:
HPV first dose: 69-73%
HPV UTD: 46-53%

Pingali, MMWR, NIS-Teen, 2023



**Many youth are
unprotected from
future cancers**

Shift in Best Practice: Start HPV at age 9

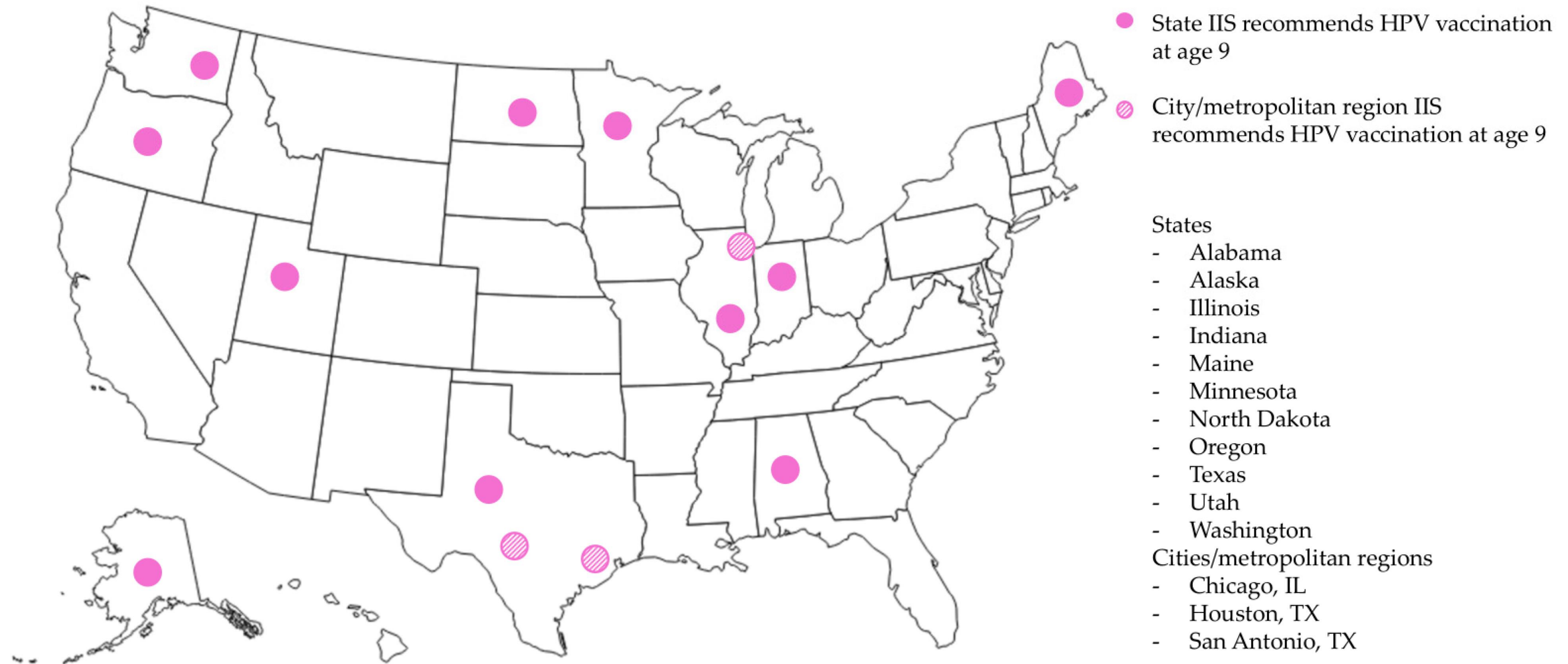


AAP Red Book (2018)
Saslow, CA Cancer J Clin (2020)
National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (2021)

Why the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends initiating HPV vaccine at age 9.

O'Leary, S. T. (2022). *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics*, 18(6). doi.org/10.1080/21645515.2022.2146434

U.S. Jurisdictions Recommending HPV Vaccination at Age 9 in IISs as of June 2025



Why Age 9?

American Academy of Pediatrics

1. Recognition that HPV vaccination uptake is suboptimal
2. Provider flexibility in introducing HPV vaccine
3. Initiating at 9-10 may be preferable for parents and adolescents who don't want a bundle of 3 vaccines at age 11-12
4. May disentangle HPV recommendations from discussions of sexuality
5. Might alleviate HPV vaccine hesitancy "fatigue"
6. Immune response is robust at younger ages with no evidence of waning protection

Why the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends initiating HPV vaccine at age 9,
O'Leary, HVI, (2022)

National HPV Vaccination Roundtable

1
Offers more time
for completion of
the series by the
age of 13

2
Results in a strong
immune response to
the HPV vaccine

3
Increases the
likelihood of
vaccinating prior to
first HPV exposure

4
Decreases questions
about sexual activity
by parents and
guardians

5
Decreases requests
for only vaccines that
are "required" for
school

6
Decreases the
number of
administered
shots per visit

7
Increases
vaccinations and
therefore the number
of cancers prevented

8
Has been shown
by several systems
to increase
vaccination rates

9
Has been shown to be
highly acceptable to
systems, providers,
and parents

Why Age 9? Fact Sheet

hpvroundtable.org

Benefits of Age 9 from My Perspective

- ✓ **More time and opportunities** – 4 years
- ✓ **Easier**
 - Easier, shorter conversations – focus on cancer prevention
 - Fewer shots per visit
 - Relaxed approach to hesitancy
 - Streamlined workflows and outreach
 - Use 12-month dosing schedule
 - Skip 6-month shot-only visit
- ✓ **Increased on-time HPV completion by age 13**



O'Leary, HVI (2022)
Biancarelli, J Pediatrics (2020)
Kahn, HVI (2023)
Saxena, HVI (2023)
Collins-Fairclough, HVI (2021)

Growing Evidence for Starting at Age 9

- Retrospective/observational
- Quality improvement/intervention
- Provider/caregiver perspectives
- Randomized controlled trial
 - ✓ Higher completion by age 13
 - ✓ Acceptable
 - ✓ Feasible



<https://hpvroundtable.org/start-hpv-vaccination-at-age-9/>

<https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/khvi20/collections/HPV-vaccination-starting-age-9>

CDC Review: Brewer, HVI (2025)

Any Downsides to Starting at Age 9?

- ✓ No issues with safety, effectiveness or immunity
- ✓ Requires change
- ✓ When first making the switch, it may be new for families
 - Parents & kids may be expecting a shot free visit at 9-10
- ✓ Unknowns:
 - Will it increase the total number of children vaccinated with HPV?
 - Will it affect the adolescent bundle?



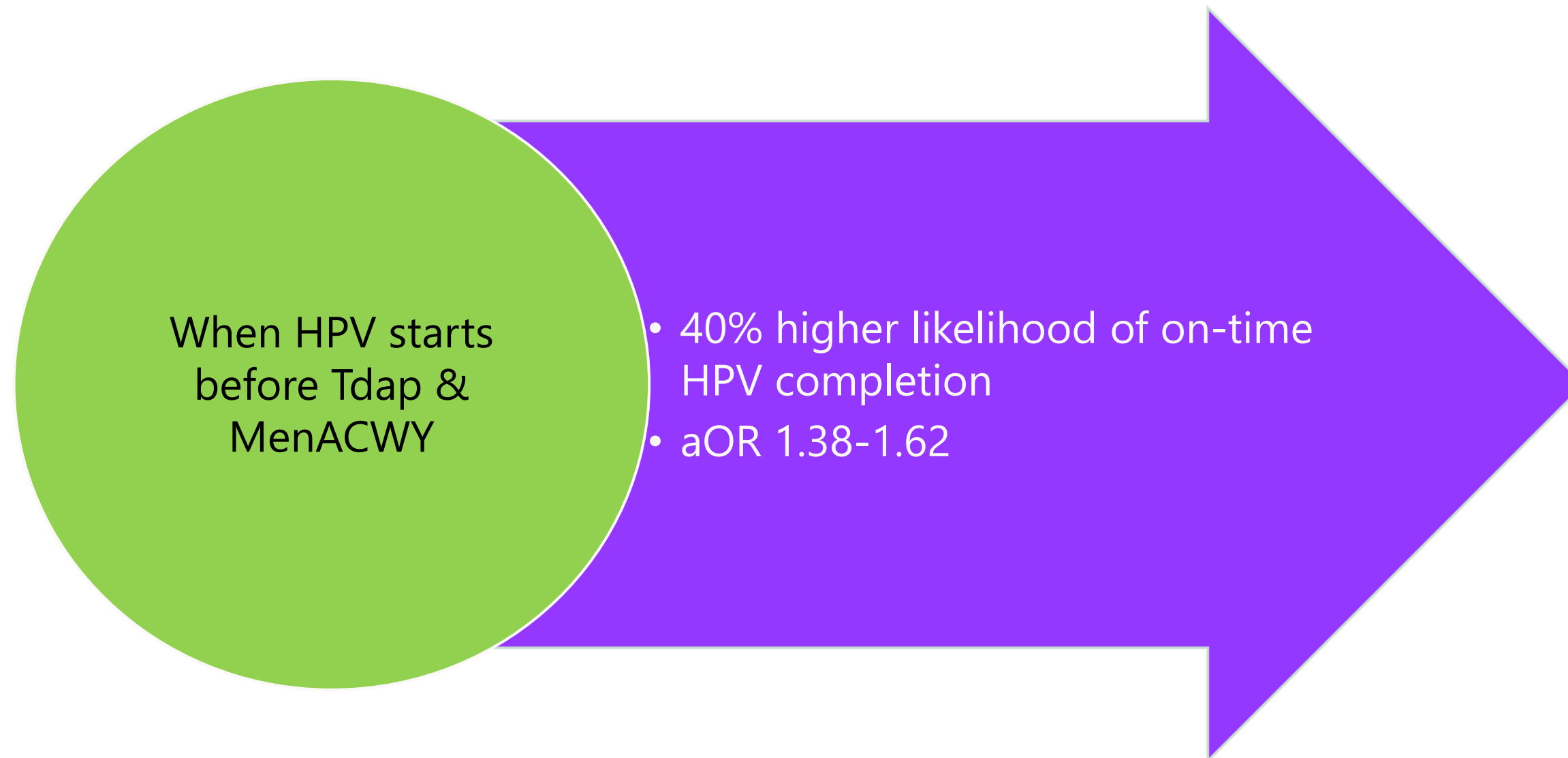
Higher Rates of On-time Completion by Age 13

Age of HPV initiation	HPV completion by age 13	
	Publicly Insured	Privately Insured
9-10	70.4%	76.2%
11-12	40.0%	48.1%



National Claims Data

Beginning HPV Prior to the Adolescent Bundle May Improve On-time Series Completion



National Claims Data

Younger Initiation Age→Higher Completion Rates



First dose at 9-10:
93% UTD at age 13

First dose at 11-12:
66% UTD at age 13
90% UTD by age 16

2020 NIS-Teen Data Analysis

More Opportunities to Vaccinate

Well-child visit attendance varies by age & insurance

➤ lower for adolescents with Medicaid

Approximately one-third (34.8–36.9%) of adolescents had a well visit at ages 9 or 10 but did not have a well visit at ages 11 or 12

Starting at age 9 may provide more opportunities to vaccinate

National Claims Data

Percentage of adolescents with with well-child visit	Commercial	Medicaid
9-10 years	56-62%	39-45%
11-12 years	66-71%	43-53%



Randomized Controlled Trial

Comparing initiation at ages 9-10 years (intervention) vs 11-12 years (control)

Pediatric practices in Colorado (17) and California (16)

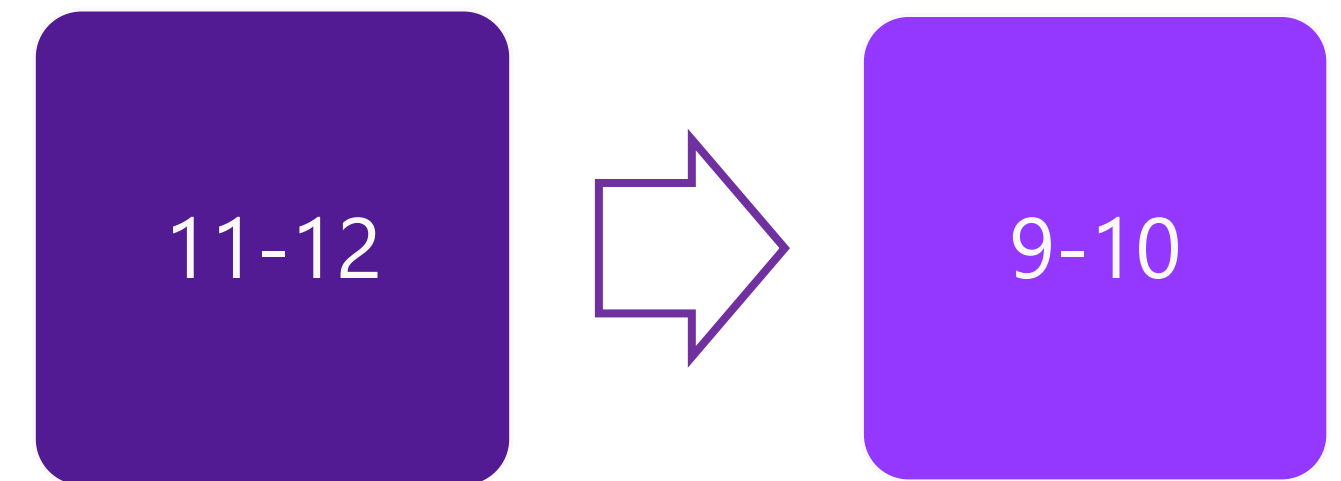
Survey and interviews from clinicians

Shifting HPV recommendations to age 9-10:

- **Feasible & compatible** with existing workflows
- **Acceptable** to majority of parents
- **Logistically easier**
 - Easier & shorter discussions
 - Fewer vaccines to discuss
 - Less discussion about sexual activity
 - Less pressure to push the topic

Biggest barriers:

- Parents and children expect a shot free visit at 9
- IIS recommended initiation at 11-12



Quality Improvement/Intervention Studies: Success with Age 9 Implementation

2021-2024: Several successful QI studies (diverse settings, locations, and sizes)

2025: “Initiating HPV Vaccination at Age 9: Strategies for Success from Five US Health Systems”

Ciemins, Academic Pediatrics, 2025

- Best practices
- Identify & resolve barriers

Multi-level interventions used in various QI projects

- sharing data
- obtaining buy-in/ownership
- incentives
- electronic health record updates
- education/training for providers & staff
- education for families (posters, flyers, portal messages)
- patient reminders
- standing orders

HPV at 9 workflows are:

- feasible
- easy to implement
- sustainable
- associated with increased vaccination rates

Success Stories from 2 Pediatric Clinics in Washington State

	Clinic A	Clinic B
Clinic sites	1	8
Pediatric Providers	10	85
9-10-year-olds	1,128	11,436
Follow-up	4 years 2018-2022	4 years 2021-2025

Multi-level interventions:

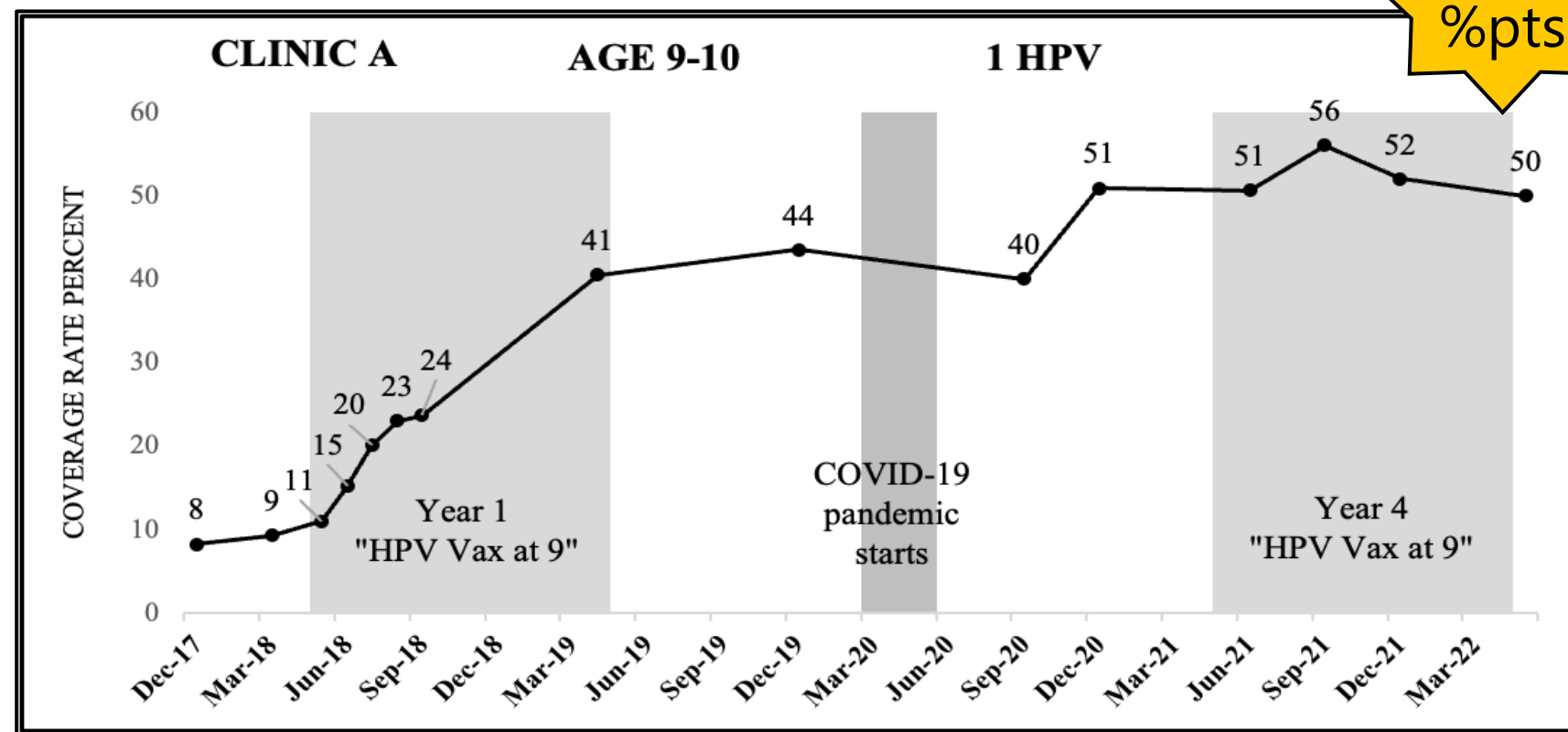
- ✓ HPV at 9-10-year-old well-child visits
- ✓ Provider training
- ✓ Immunization schedule poster
- ✓ EHR supports
- ✓ Standing orders (Clinic B)

Reflections:

- "Great rates, less effort"
- "After about 6 months, it becomes self-sustaining"
- "Ask any of our providers, we'd never go back to 11"

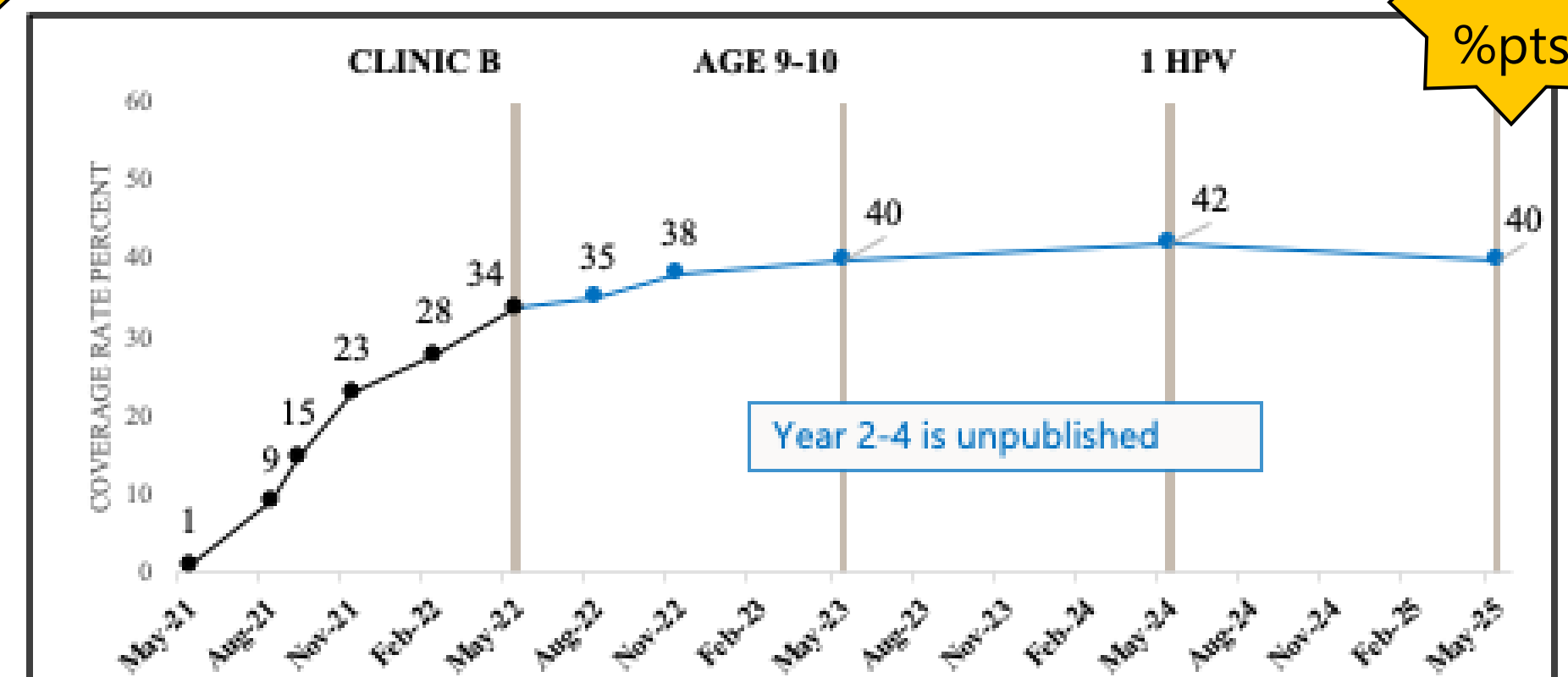
9-10 HPV Initiation (First Dose) Coverage Rates

Clinic A
2018-2022



↑45
%pts

Clinic B
2021-2025

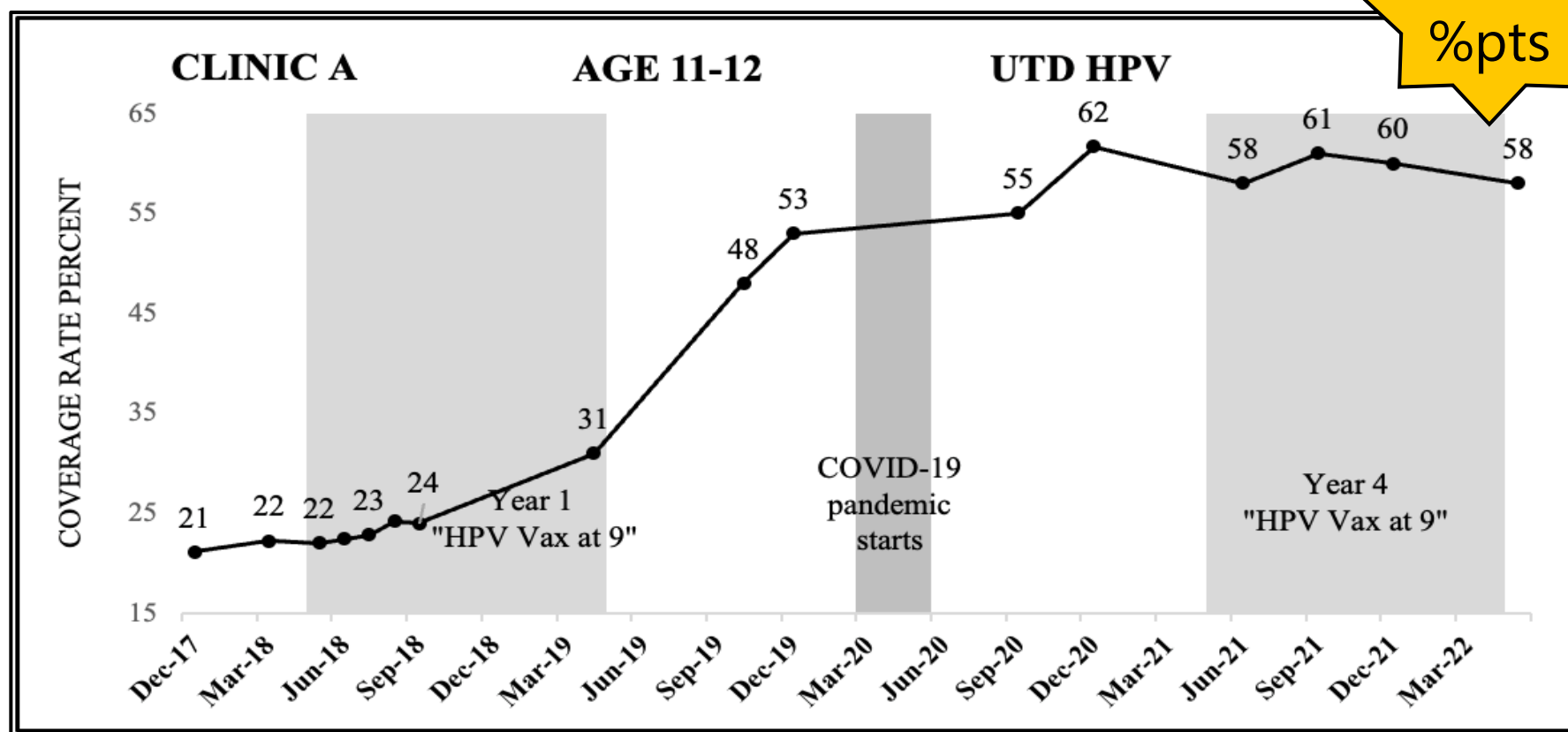


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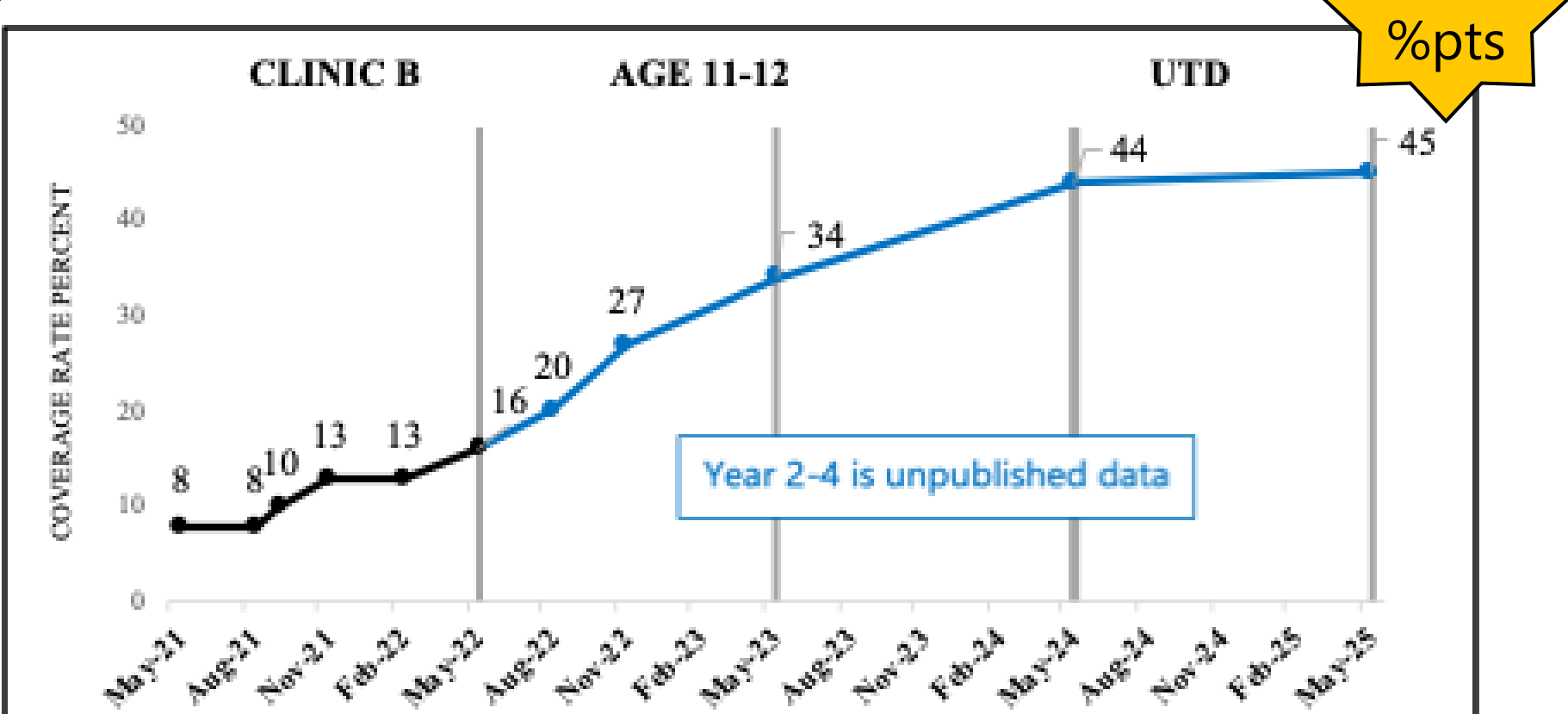
Age 9-10 rates increased $\geq 30\%$ points in first year;
Maximal increase 41-45% points

11-12 HPV Completion (UTD) Coverage Rates

Clinic A
2018-2022

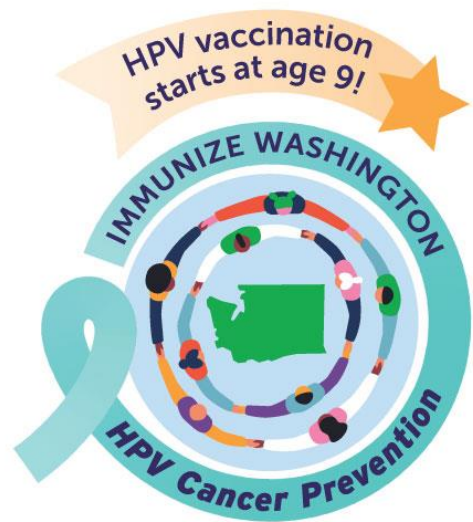


Clinic B
2021-2025



Age 11-12 UTD rates: increased 37-40 % points

(not shown) Age 13 UTD rates: increased 8-21 % points



HPV at 9 in Washington State

Policy

Policy Change WA
DOH (2022)

Memorandum
American Indian Health
Commission (2023)

Policy Support

IIS Forecast (Jan 2023)

Data Dashboard

HPV-at-nine webpage

Provider Awareness

'Dear Provider' letters

Immunize WA Award

Dental & Pharmacy

Patient Awareness

Flyers & Posters

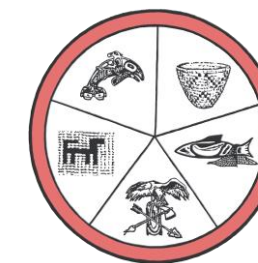
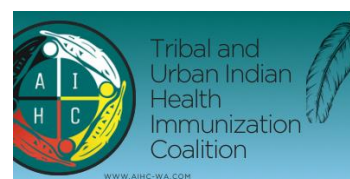
Help Me Grow Mailers

'School Nurse' letter

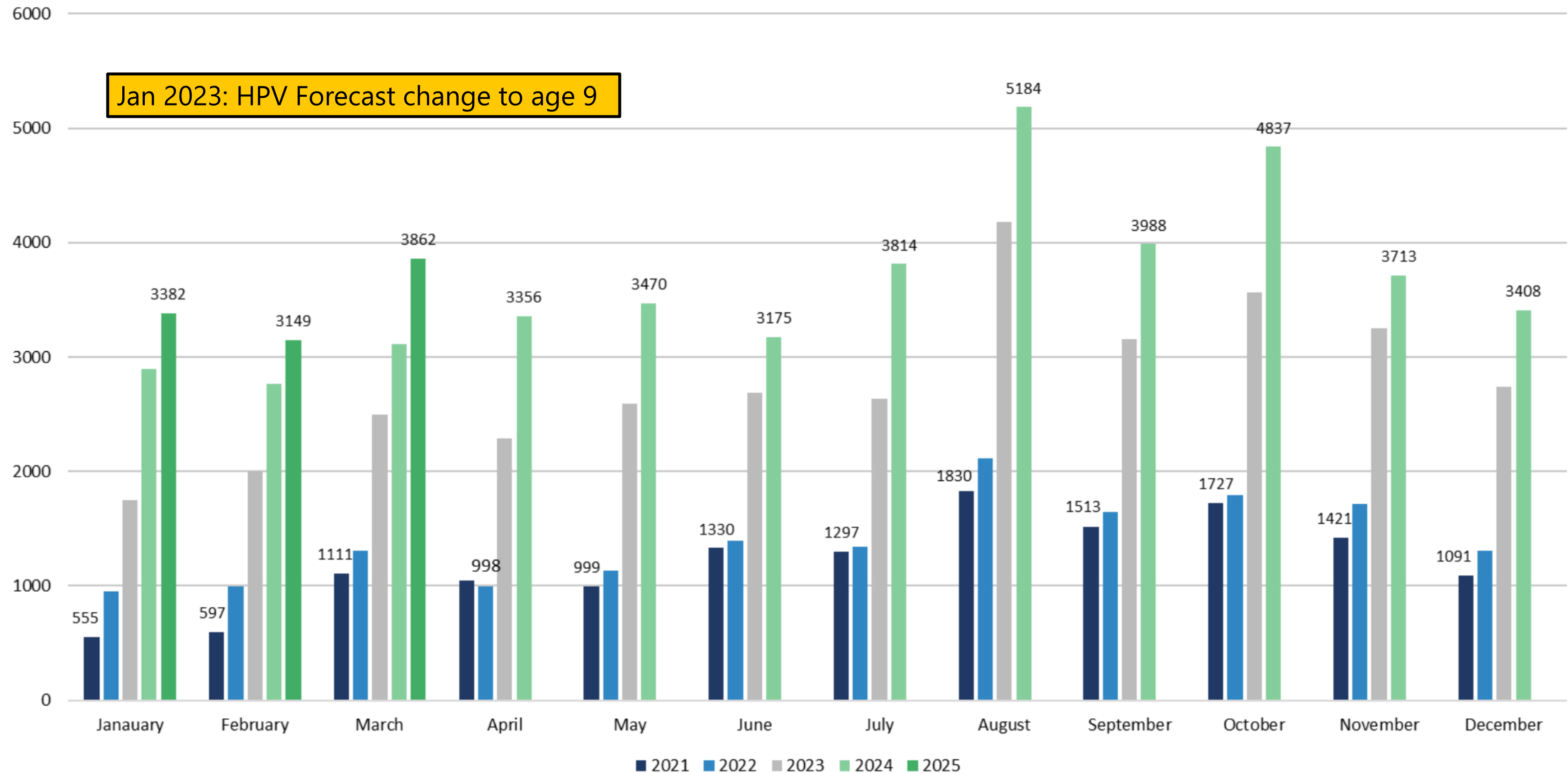
Quality Improvement

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IQIP:
HPV-at-9
Custom Strategy



HPV Administrations among 9-10 year olds by calendar year, Washington state

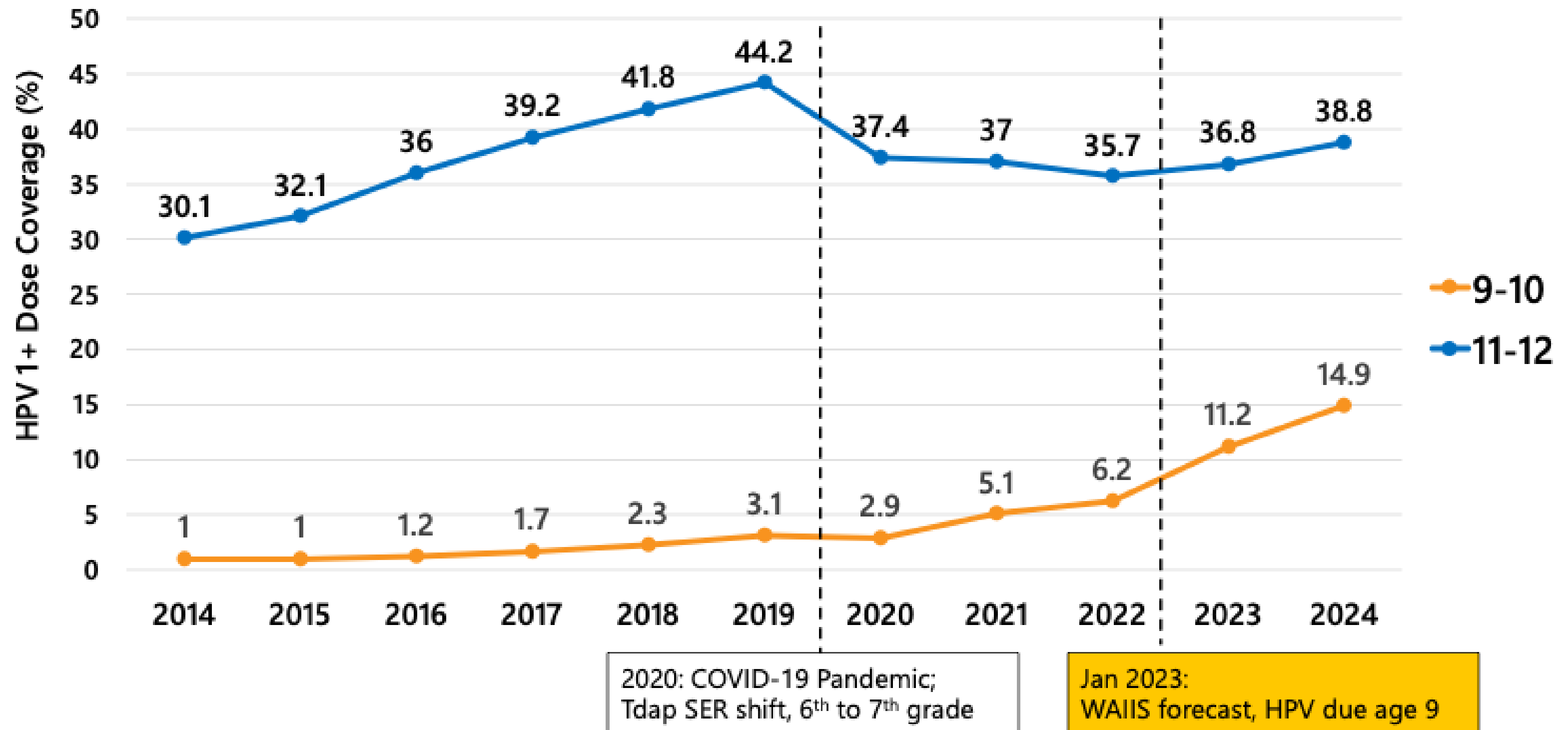


WA HPV Free Task Force Meeting Slides 5.30.2025

Christensen, HVI (2023): Weekly initiation at age 9 DOUBLED after IIS forecast change

[DOH Report 348-1032-HPV Vaccination at 9 WA State \(2024\)](#)

Washington State: HPV 1+ dose coverage by age group, 2014-2024



How to make effective HPV vaccine recommendations starting at age 9



**Proven
Strategy**

- Saves time
 - takes only 15 sec-2 minutes!
- Increases vaccine uptake
- Increases patient and provider satisfaction
- Works equally well for nursing staff

Announcement Approach

Use presumptive **announcement** (10-15 seconds)

- Focus on cancer prevention

ANNOUNCEMENT EXAMPLE

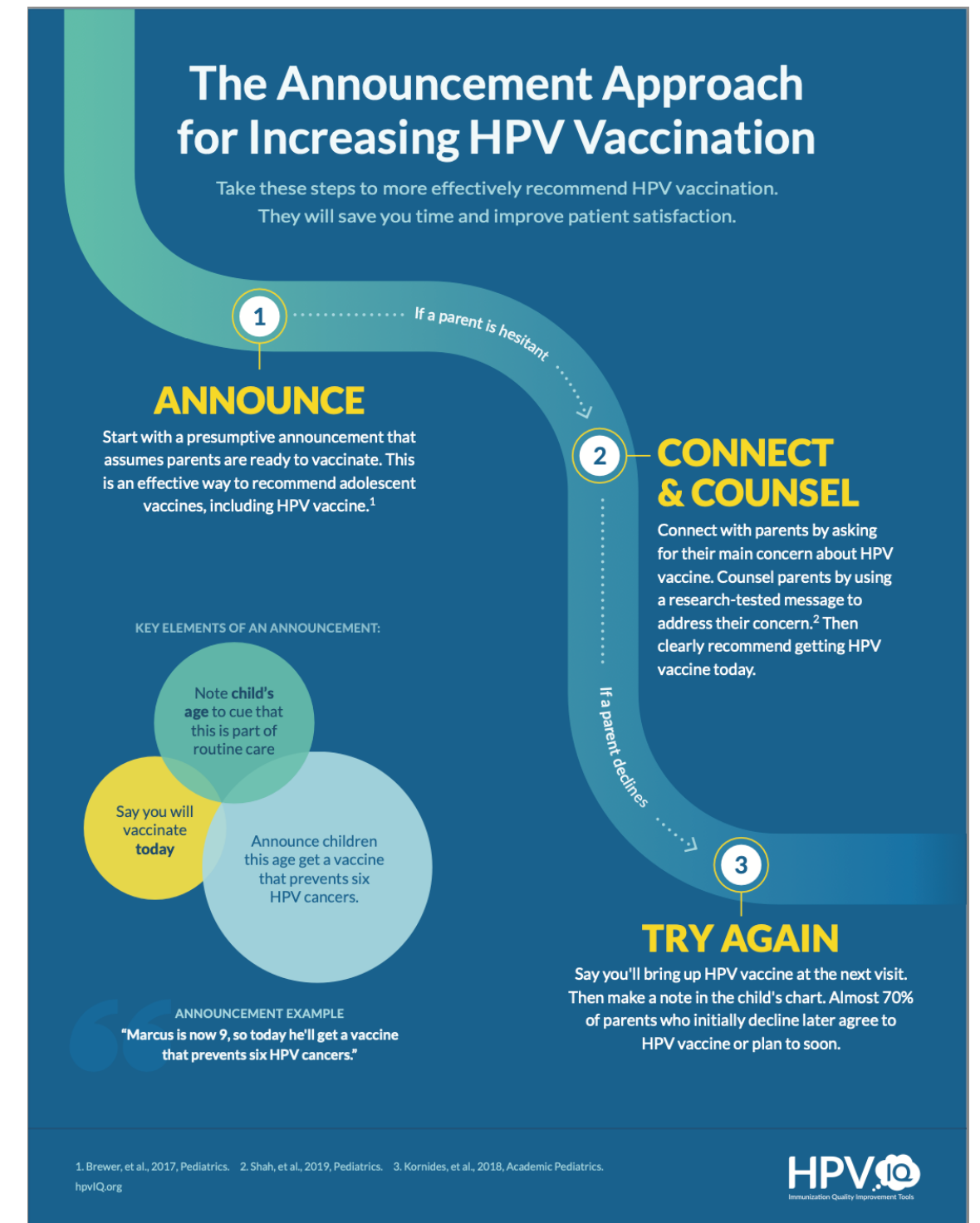
“Marcus is now 9, so today he'll get a vaccine that prevents six HPV cancers.”

If hesitant, **connect with parents**, ask for their **main concern**

- **Counsel** using research-tested messages (about 2 minutes)

If the parent declines, **try again** another day

- Almost 70% of parents who initially decline HPV, eventually say YES, or plan to soon



Brewer, Pediatrics (2017)

Shah, Pediatrics (2019)

Kornides, Acad Pediatr. (2018)

www.hpviq.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/AAT-flyer.pdf

Train Your Team for Success



Research tested messages address the top HPV vaccine concerns

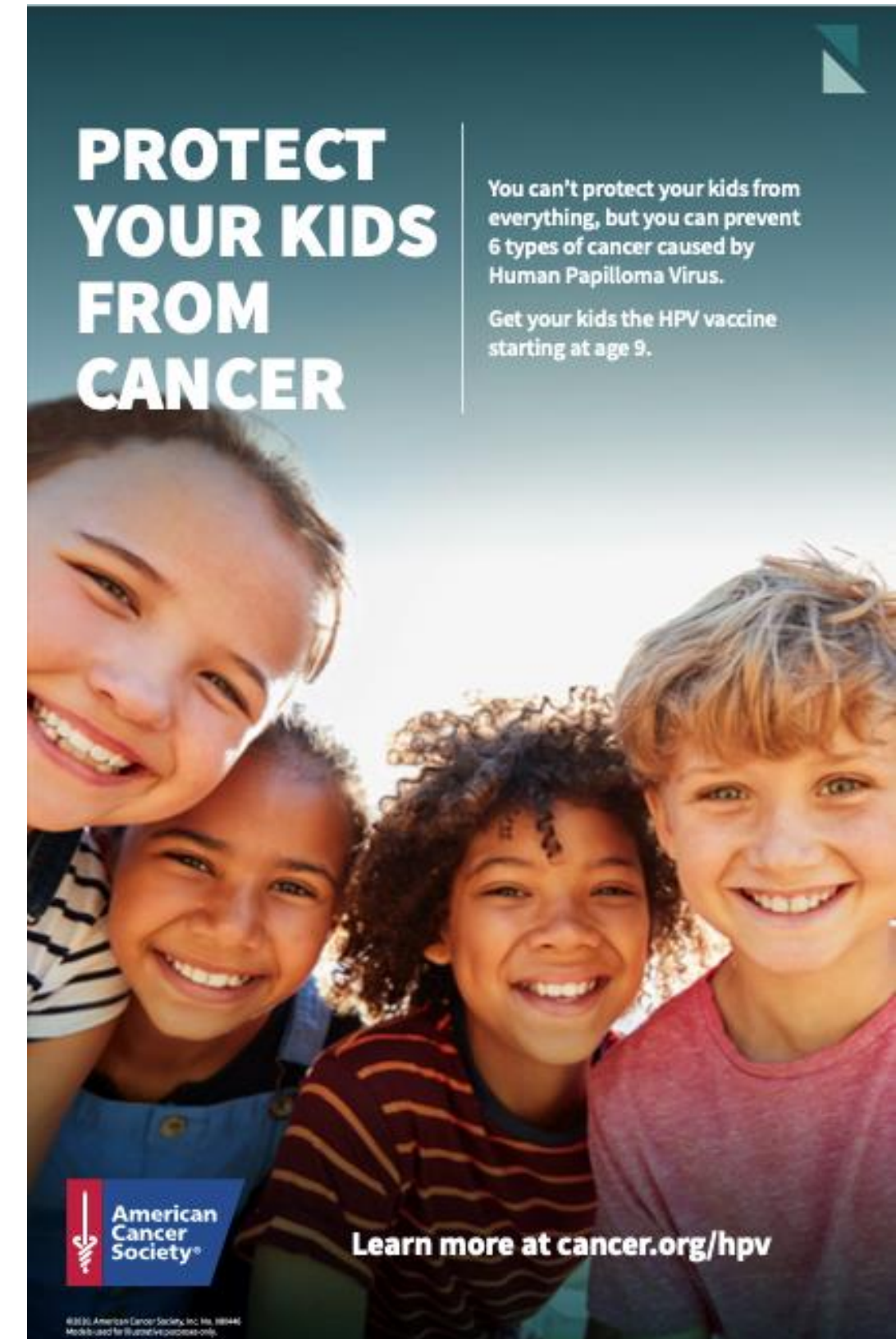
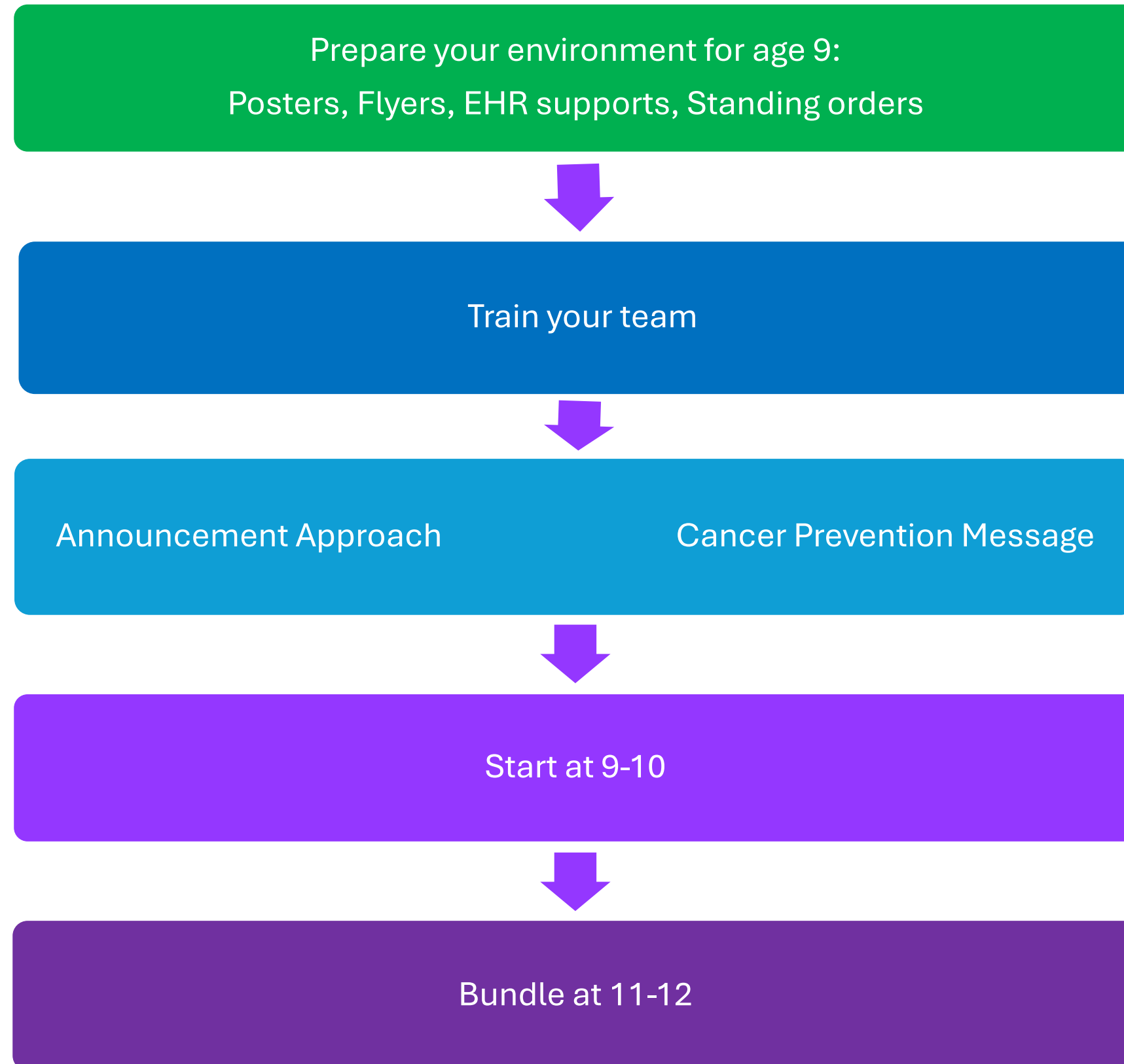
Visit HPVIQ.org

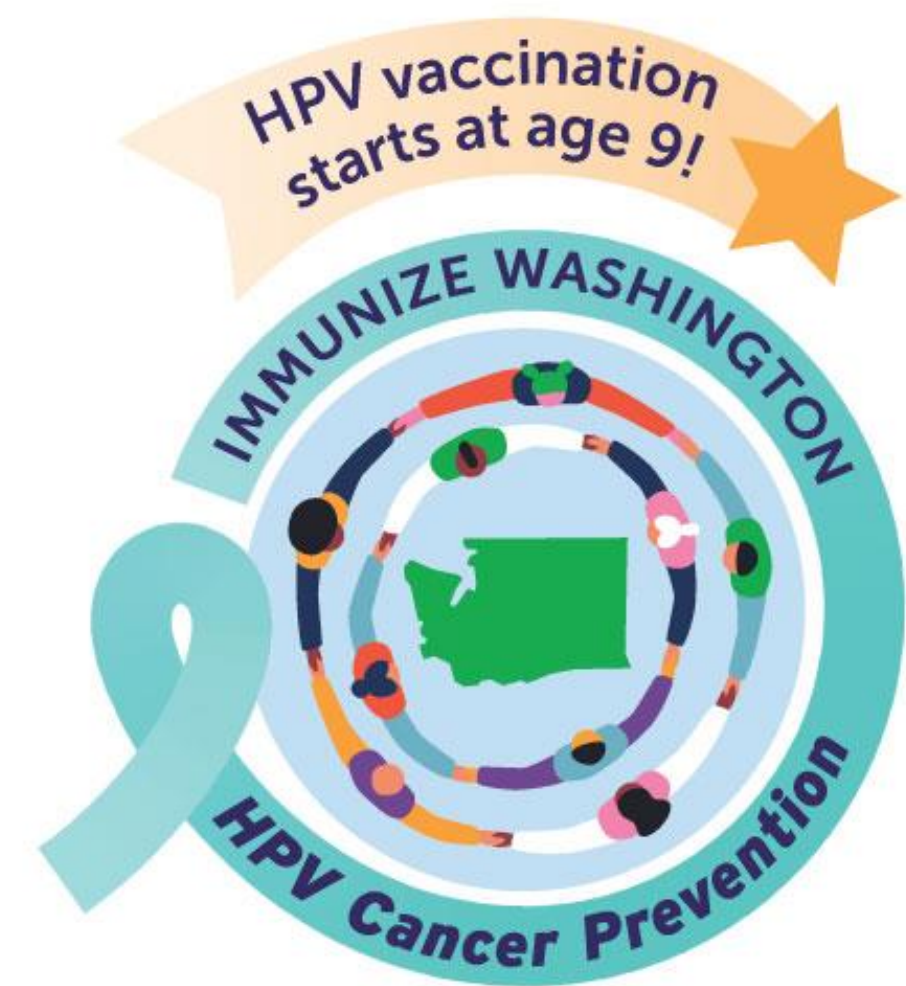
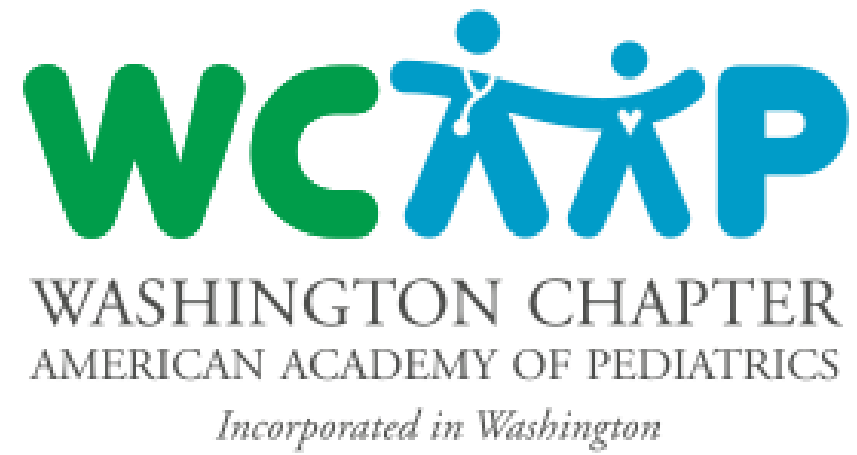
- Download FREE training tools
- Watch two short videos (90 sec-2 min)

[The Announcement Approach, Ages 9-10](#)
[The Announcement Approach, Ages 11-12](#)

- Hold a training workshop for your clinic or organization
- Contact aat@unc.edu

Start Implementing HPV at 9 Today!





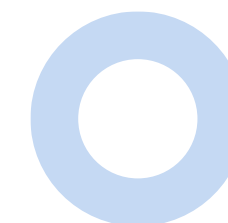
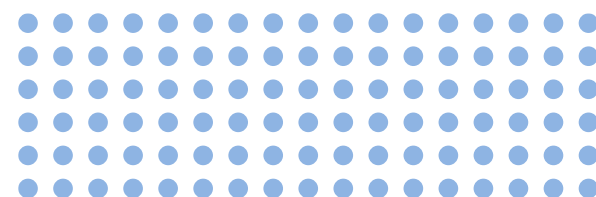
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VacTrAK: Forecasting HPV at Age 9

August 5, 2025

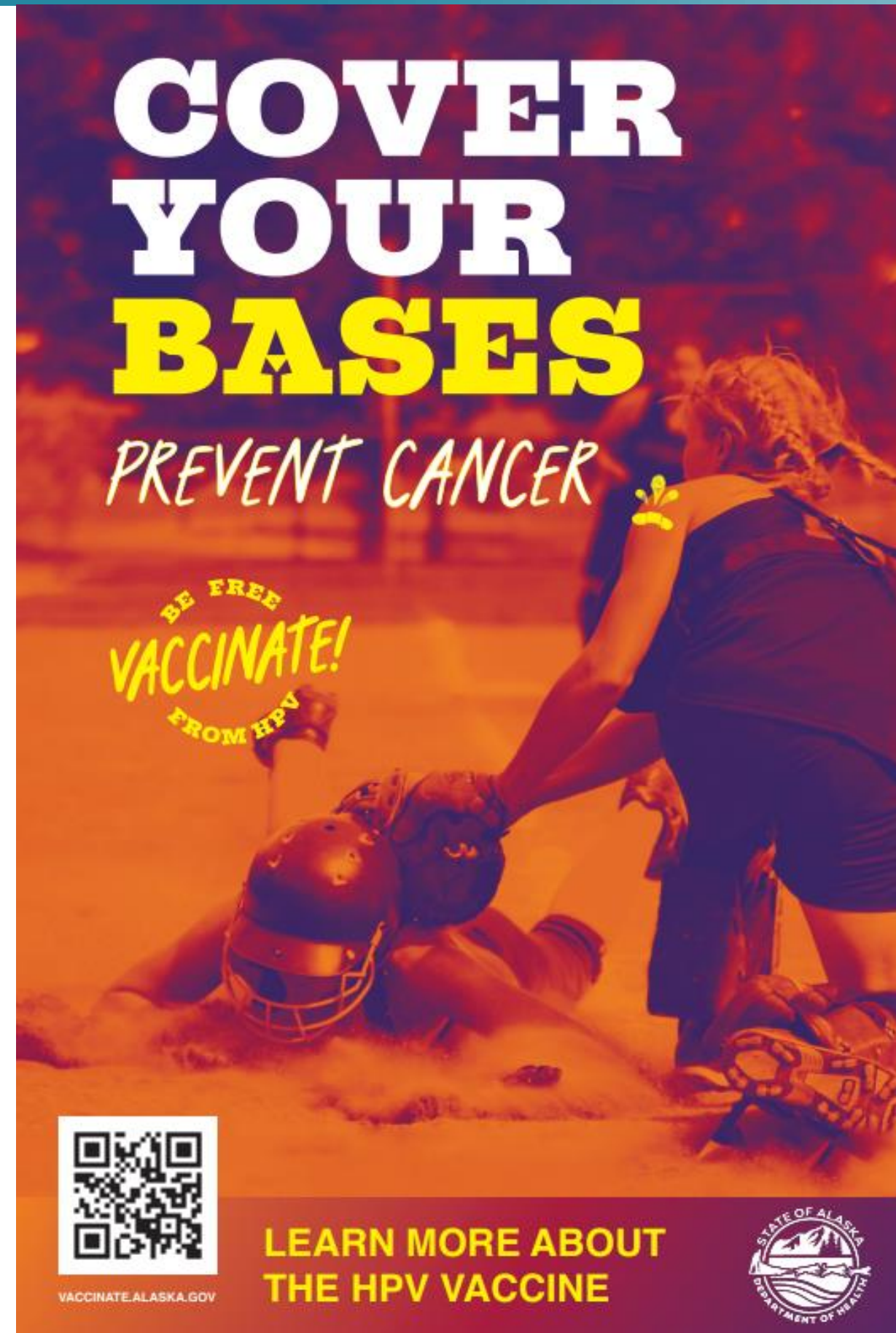
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VacTrAK Forecasting HPV at Age 9



- Beginning January 2025, VacTrAK now recommends the HPV vaccine beginning at age 9 years
- The updated age 9 recommendation will appear only for children under age 11 in VacTrAK if one of the following has occurred:
 - The child receives ANY vaccination, or
 - The child's provider manually updates the patient record through VacTrAK
- In the coming months, VacTrAK plans to conduct a system-wide re-forecast that will update ALL 9- and 10-year olds automatically



VacTrAK View



Before:

Vaccination Forecast					
The forecast automatically switches to the catch-up schedule when a patient is behind schedule.					
Vaccine Group	Forecasted Dose	Recommended Date	Minimum Valid Date	Overdue Date	Status
HepB	1	03/10/2016	03/10/2016	04/06/2016	Past Due
Polio	1	05/10/2016	04/21/2016	07/07/2016	Past Due
HepA	1	03/10/2017	03/10/2017	04/06/2018	Past Due
Varicella	1	10/21/2019	10/21/2019	10/21/2019	Past Due
MMR	2	03/10/2020	10/21/2019	04/06/2023	Past Due
DTaP/Tdap/Td	1	03/10/2023	03/10/2023	03/10/2023	Past Due
Influenza	1	07/01/2024	07/01/2024	07/28/2024	Past Due
COVID-19	1	08/22/2024	08/22/2024	09/18/2024	Past Due
HPV	1	03/10/2027	03/10/2025	04/06/2029	Optional

After:

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Docket View



Before:

IZG_HP V IZG_FORECAST

DISCLAIMER

Immunization status is based on VacTrAK forecasting data.
[Learn More](#)

DUE

FLU
Due: 09/01/2024
3 DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

CURRENT

DTaP / Tdap / Td
Due: 03/10/2027
5 DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

CURRENT

HPV
Due: 03/10/2027
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

CURRENT

MENING
Due: 03/10/2027
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

CURRENT

ZOSTER
Due: 03/10/2066
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

After:

IZG_HP V IZG_HP V

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DUE

DTaP / Tdap / Td
Due: 03/10/2021
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

DUE

FLU
Due: 09/01/2024
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

DUE

HepA
Due: 03/10/2015
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

DUE

HepB
Due: 05/10/2014
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

DUE

MMR
Due: 03/10/2015
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

DUE

POLIO
Due: 05/10/2014
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

DUE

VARICELLA
Due: 03/10/2015
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

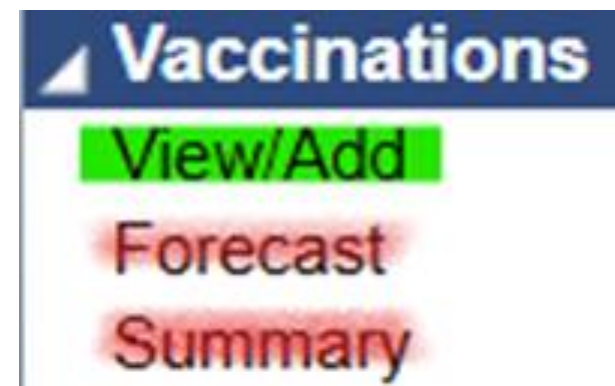
DUE

HPV
Due: 03/10/2025
NO DOSES RECORDED IN VacTrAK

VacTrAK Forecasting HPV at 9



- The lifetime forecast module requires each patient to be triggered for a reforecast.
 - NOT every patient record has been through the reforecast.
 - VacTrAK users must navigate FIRST to an individual patient's Vaccination View/Add screen to trigger the forecast updates. (Highlighted in green below)



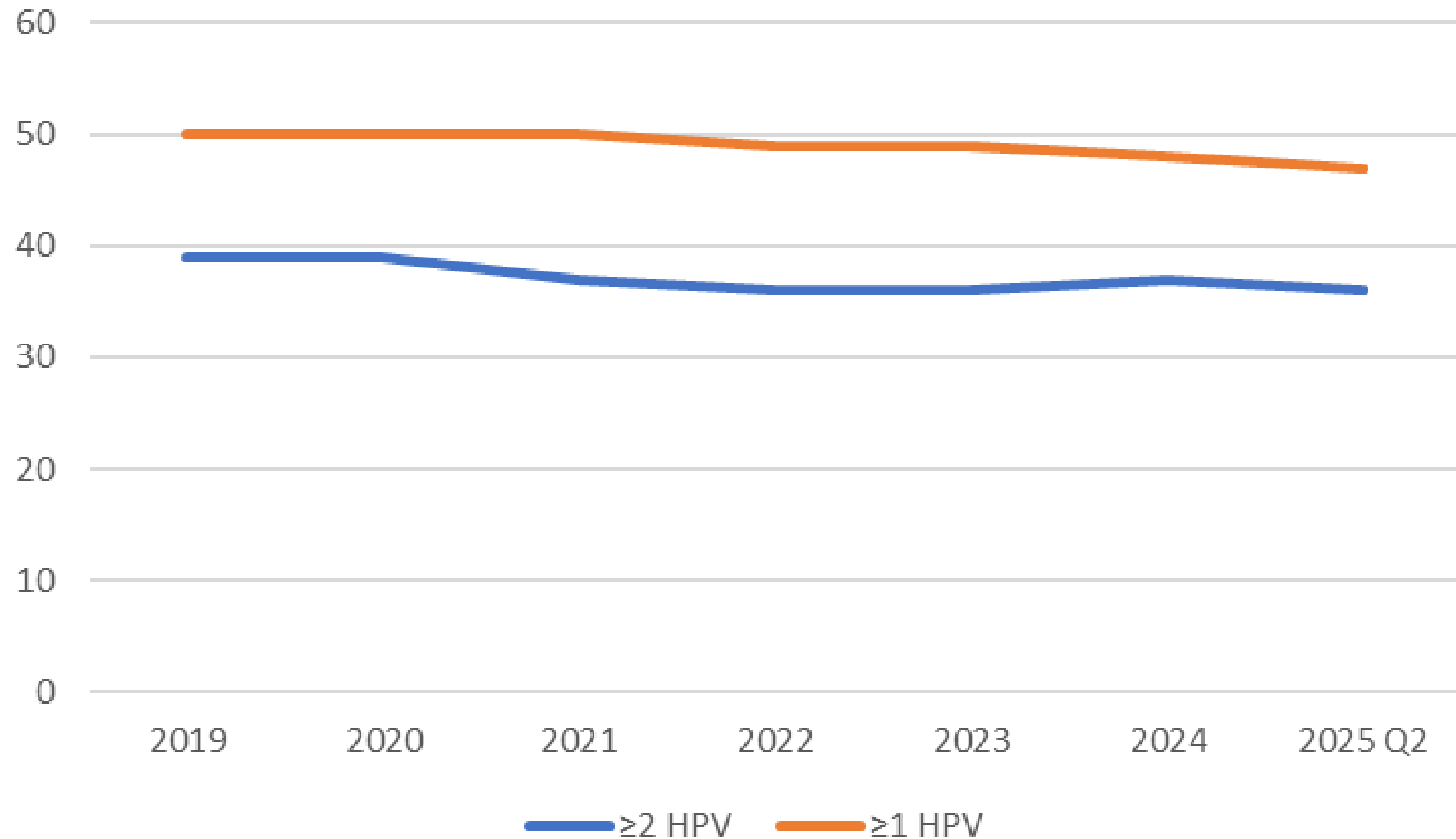
- Reviewing the *Forecast* or *Summary* screen prior to *View/Add* for a reforecast could misrepresent the true forecast.

VacTrAK Reports

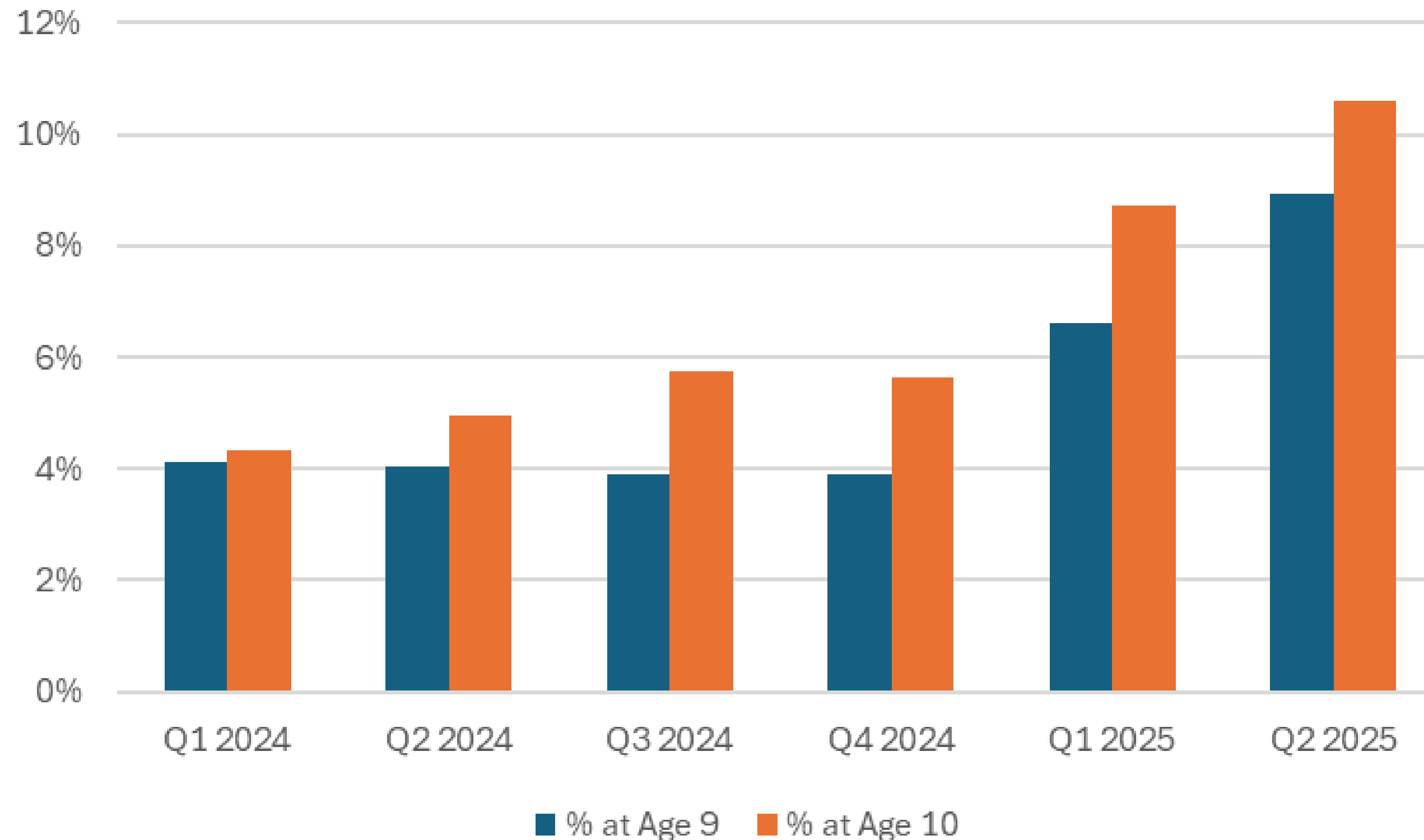


- VacTrAK's Coverage Rate and Reminder/Recall functionality relies on all patients in the population evaluated to have updated forecasts.
- User support
 - VacTrAK (vactrak@alaska.gov) is available for user and software related support
 - Immunization Program Nurse Consultant Pollyanna Stewart (pollyanna.stewart@alaska.gov) is available for clinical support

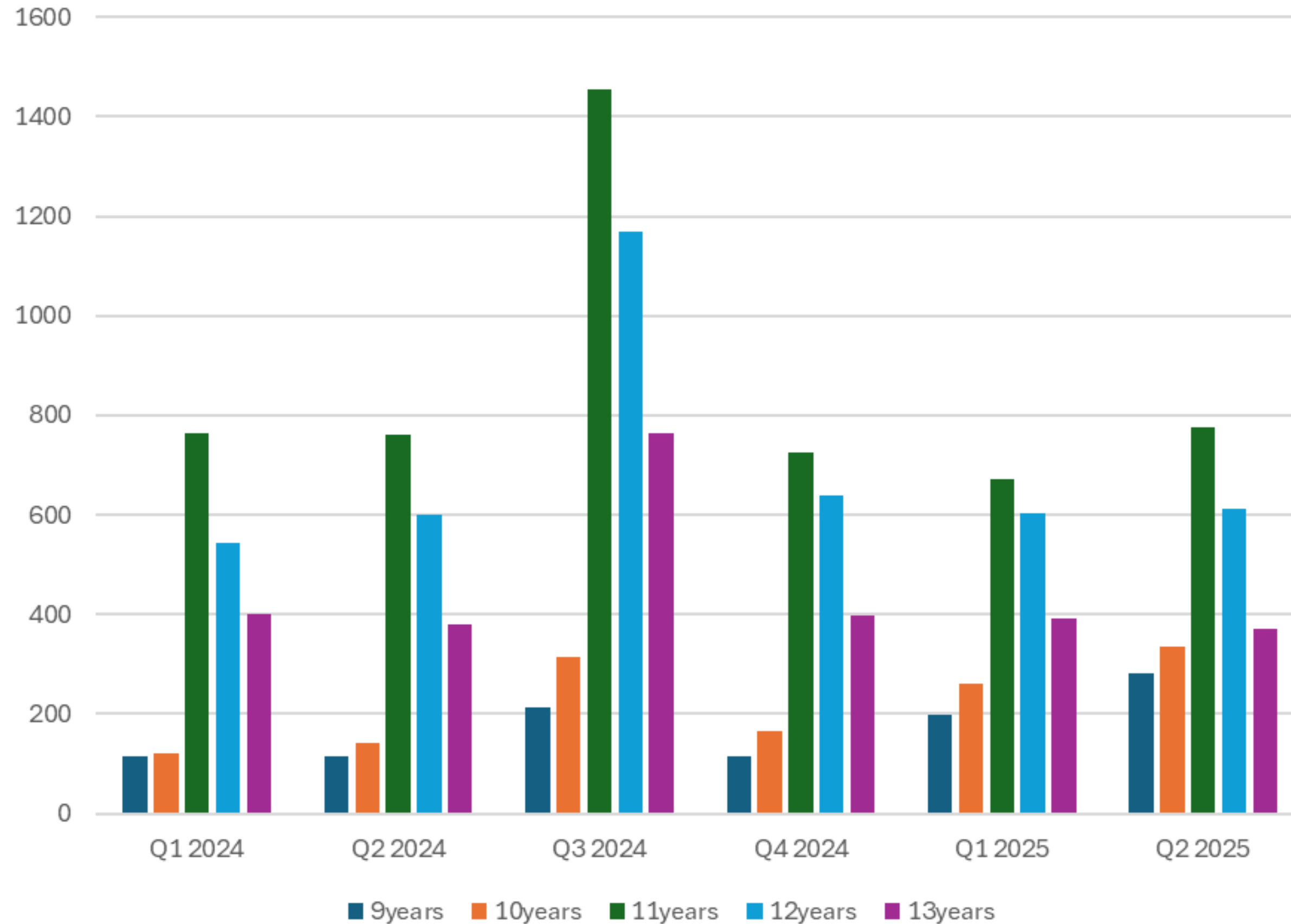
HPV Vaccination Coverage Rate, 13-17 Year Olds, Alaska, VacTrAK



Percentage of HPV Doses Administered at Age 9 or 10, Quarterly, Alaska, VacTrAK



Quarterly HPV Doses Administered by Age, Alaska, VacTrAK

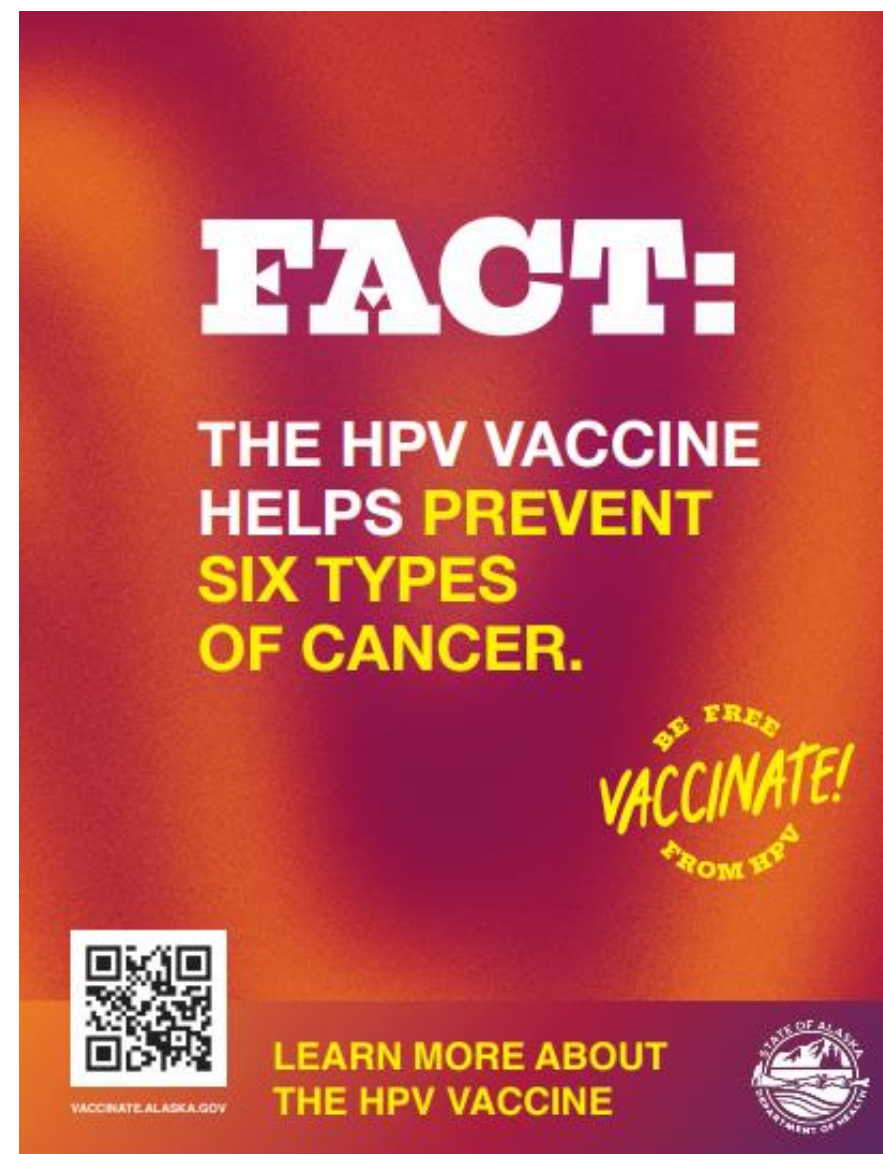


Changes to IQIP



HPV Immunization Quality Improvement

- Age 13: Compare coverage rates for 1 dose and up-to-date dose(s)
- Age 17: Review coverage rates for up-to-date dose(s)



Postcard Mailer June 2025



Alaska Department of Health
Immunization Program
3601 C Street, Suite 540
Anchorage, AK 99503

HPV vaccination can prevent 90% of cancers
caused by human papillomavirus (HPV).



HPV vaccination
helps prevent six
types of cancer!

Youth can get
the HPV vaccine
starting at age 9.



Talk to your child's
health care provider today!

This message delivered in partnership by:



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Close to 20,000 postcards
mailed in June 2025, to
parents of 9-12 year olds

Protect Kids
Against Cancer.

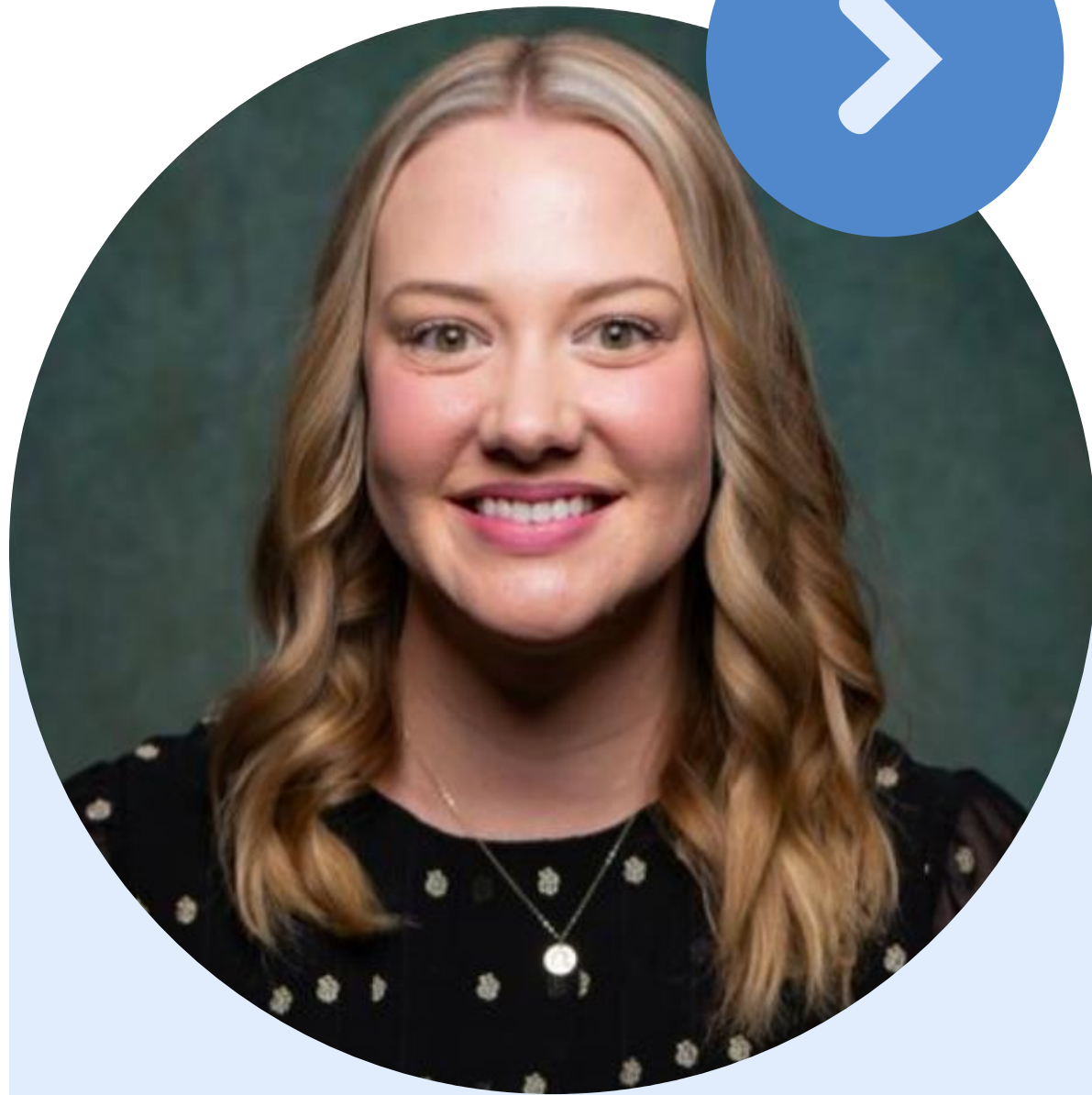


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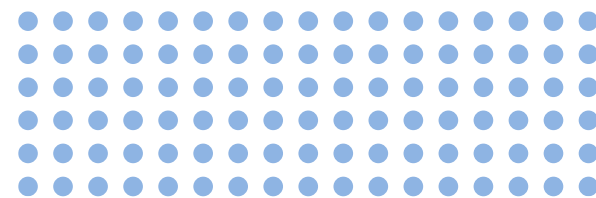
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INCREASING HPV VACCINATION

A TEAM DRIVEN SUCCESS STORY

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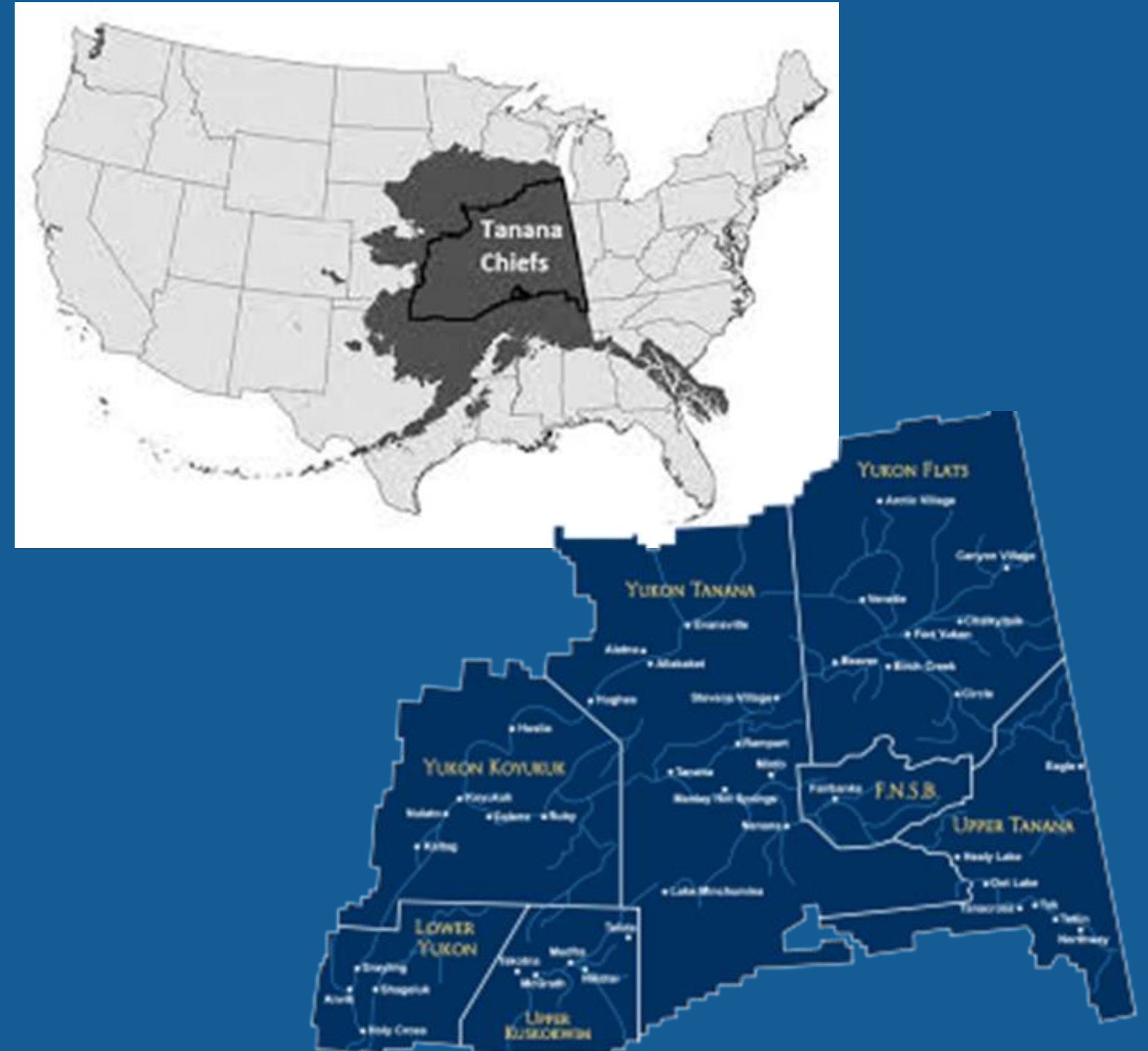
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



I would like to acknowledge that I am presenting today from Fairbanks, Alaska on the traditional lands of the Dena people. We respect the traditional stewards of this land who have walked on and cared for these lands for centuries.

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

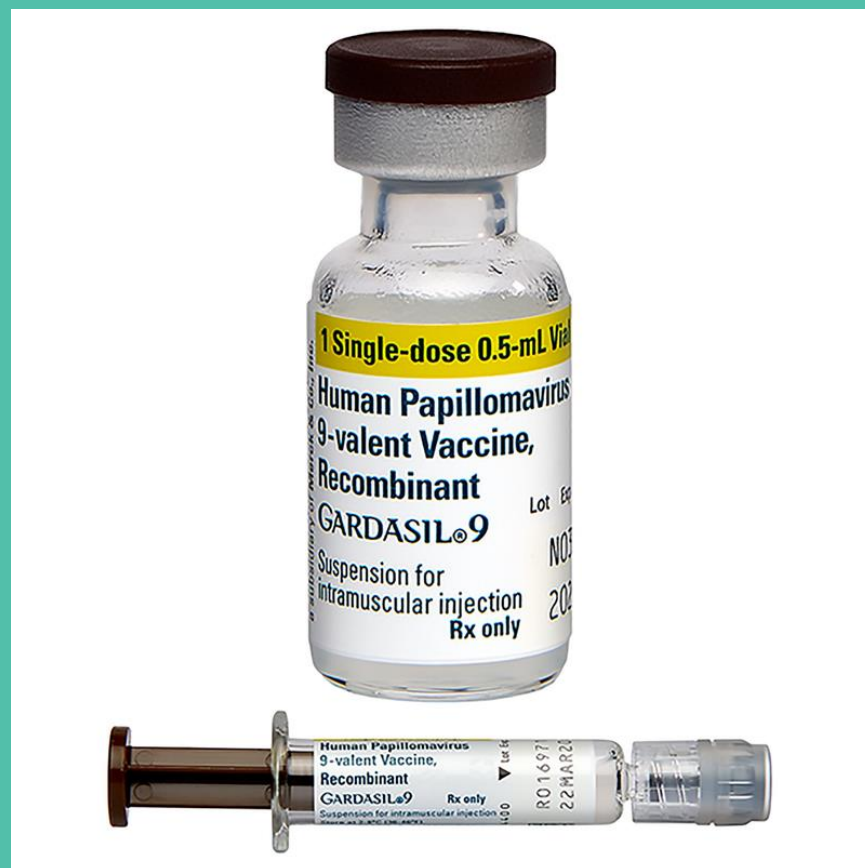
Who are we? We are a tribal consortium made up of 42 members – including 39 villages and 37 federally recognized tribes. Our region covers an area of 235,000 square miles in interior Alaska, which is equal to about 37 percent of the entire state, and just slightly smaller than the state of Texas.







CANCER PREVENTION



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SITUATION

Low HPV Vaccination Rates = Increased Risk of Cancer

(cervical, vaginal, vulvar, penile, anal, and
oropharyngeal (head and neck) cancers)



HPV CANCER
FREE **AK**

Your Alaska HPV Vaccination Month 2023 Update

Dear Tanana Chiefs Conference Team,

Thank you for participating in 2023 Alaska HPV Vaccination Month. As part of signing up as a 2023 pledge partner, the Alaska HPV Vaccination Taskforce is committed to bringing your clinic ongoing support and resources for your efforts to increase HPV vaccination rates.

Below you'll find data and ideas tailored for your clinic sites.

1. REVIEW Your Clinics Adolescent Vaccine Coverage

Clinic: Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center Date: As of October 31, 2023

Your clinic has..	HPV ≥ 1 Rate	% change from July to October 2023
579 patients, age 9-12	24%	↑ 2%
864 patients, age 13-17	74%	↑ 1%

The table below includes Alaska HPV vaccination rates for adolescents age 9-17 years to the end of the third quarter of 2023 (September 30) to provide a source of comparison for your clinic rates.

	Anc	Gulf Coast	Interior	Mat-Su	Northern	Southeast	Southwest	2023
HPV ≥ 1	39%	26%	32%	30%	57%	38%	57%	37%

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BACKGROUND

Multiple barriers:

- including logistical & access challenges
- vaccine hesitancy
- staff awareness/engagement
- clinical practice not yet caught up with evidence showing vaccine efficacy better when given to younger age groups
- low uptake on well child visits in this age group

**TCC HPV
VACCINE
WORKGROUP
IS FORMED!**

THE TEAM

Data Scientist

**Pediatric
Provider**

**Quality Improvement
Specialist**

**CHAP Rural
Clinical Pharmacist**

**Primary Care RN
Manager**

**Physician Policy
Analyst**

**Urgent Care
Provider**

**Cancer Care
Provider**

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ASSESSMENT

DATA
DATA
DATA

WHERE
ARE
THESE
KIDS?

1/3

Peds / Primary Care

1/3

Urgent Care

1/3

Not seen at all

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Reduce Barriers
2. Educate Staff
3. Educate Families
4. Boost Infrastructural Supports

1. After Hours Back to School Sports PE/Vaccine Clinics in Fairbanks with fair ticket incentives.
2. Update EHR to alert to being due at age 9 rather than age 11/12.
3. Staff Education - Peds, Primary Care, Urgent Care, CHPs
4. Village Outreach
5. Phone Call Outreach for children due
6. Patient Letter Outreach for children due
7. Staff Acknowledgement – “well done” card quarterly recognition






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VACCINES



Happy Valentine's Day!

In 2024 we improved our HPV vaccination rate by
50% in the target 9-12yr ages at TCC. Yay!

 *The TCC HPV Vaccine Workgroup*

**VALENTINES
FOR STAFF**

STAFF RECOGNITION

Quarterly cards sent to
vaccine orderer and
vaccine givers!



Take A Shot At Cancer!

HPV Vaccination
Is Cancer Prevention

Dear _____,

Great Job!

You ordered/administered
_____ HPV vaccines given to patients between
January 1 – March 31, 2025.

Thank you for promoting HPV vaccination!

Sincerely,

TCC HPV Vaccine Workgroup & TCC Primary Medical Care Team

Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center

1717 W. Cowles Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
907-451-6682
Fax: 844-278-9006

January 29, 2025

Hello from Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center!

Thank you for trusting us to deliver quality healthcare to your child. **Our records show that your child needs a check-up and at least one vaccination, including the important HPV vaccine**, which helps prevent cancer. Your child's health is very important to us and we want to make sure they receive the best care possible.

We have included a handout that details important information on the HPV vaccine as a cancer prevention tool, which is most effective when given during the preteen or early teen years.

You can also find more information about vaccines on the following website:

<https://www.healthychildren.org/immunizationschedules>

Or, scan the QR code to go directly to the website.

When you are ready to schedule an appointment, please call (907) 451-6682, option 1, to request a well-child check and vaccine update. If you have any questions and would like to talk to a medical provider, you can also request a telehealth visit.

We look forward to seeing you and your child in the near future!

WHY YOUR PRETEEN NEEDS THE HPV VACCINE



<https://www.healthychildren.org/immunizationschedules>
How to Talk to Your Teen About HPV Vaccination

IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE



<https://www.healthychildren.org/immunizationschedules>

Tanana Chiefs Conference Health Services

201 1st Avenue | Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
907-452-8251

February 6, 2025

Hello from Tanana Chiefs Conference!

Thank you for trusting us to deliver quality healthcare to your child. **Our records show that your child needs at least one vaccination, including the important HPV Vaccine**, which helps prevent cancer. Your child's health is very important to us and we want to make sure they receive the best care possible.

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When you are ready to schedule an appointment, please call your local village clinic and request an appointment for the HPV vaccine. They may need to order this in advance.

If you do not have a health aide, please call (907) 452-8251, ext. 3411.

If you will be in Fairbanks, you can schedule at Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center by calling (907) 451-6682, option 1, and requesting a nurse appointment for vaccines.

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Fairbanks Based Letter

Village Based Letter

PARTNERSHIPS

VacTrAK: HPV Updated to indicate “DUE NOW” at age 9 rather than optionally due.

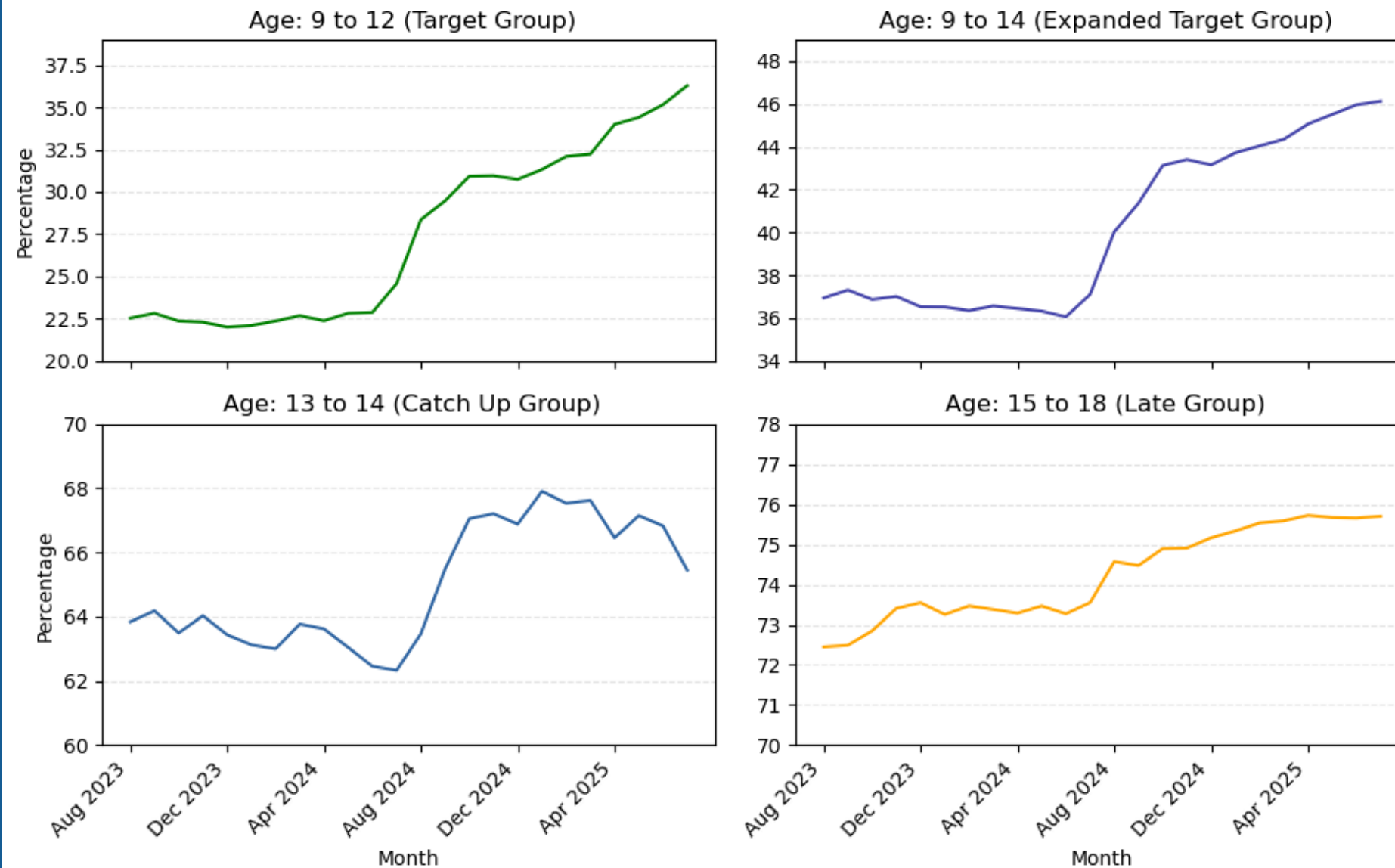
TCC/FHP (local hospital) Quarterly Meetings: All admitted pediatric patients screened/offer HPV in hospital if due.

HPV Cancer Free Alaska: “flair” for events, reports/goal setting

Internal Partnerships: Peds, UC, Cancer Care, Admin, Nursing, Subregional Clinics, Health Aides

PROGRESS

TCC HPV Vaccination Rates
HPV Vaccination Trends - At Least One Dose Received - (Rolling 24 Months)

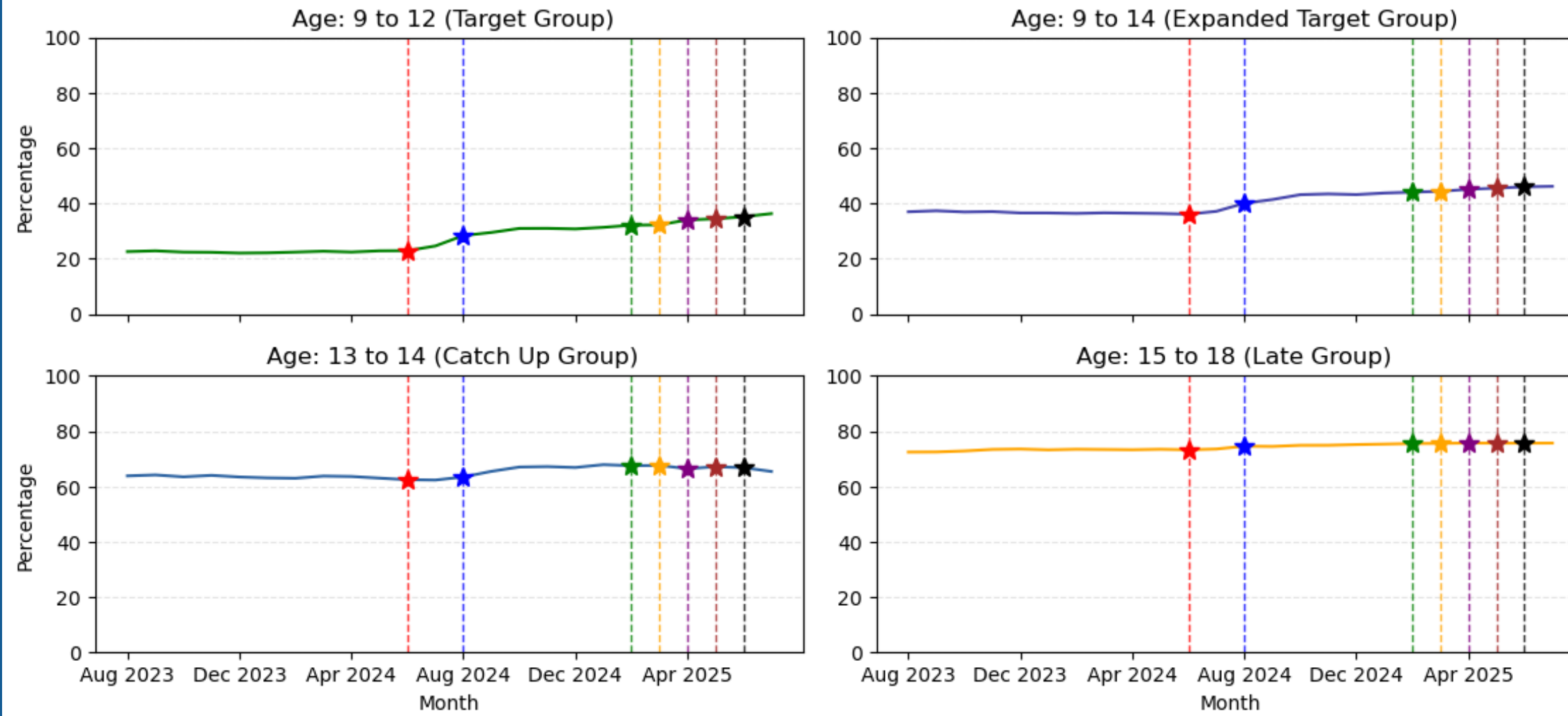


Target Group:
22% → 36%

Expanded Target Group:
37% → 46%

Late Group:
72% → 76%

TCC HPV Vaccination Rates HPV Vaccination Trends - At Least One Dose Received - (Rolling 24 Months)



- HPV Vaccination Promotion Activities**
- Jun 2024: Campaign to vaccinate 9-10yo
 - Aug 2024: Back-to-School Clinics
 - Feb 2025: Letters to 9yo
 - Mar 2025: Letters to 10yo urban, 10-17yo rural
 - Apr 2025: Letters to 11-12yo urban, 10-18yo sub-region
 - May 2025: Letters to 13-14yo due for WCC
 - Jun 2025: Letters to 15-17yo urban, 13-14yo urban due for WCC

EVALUATIONS & ADAPTATIONS

Ongoing Challenges:

- Urgent Care – a missed opportunity?
- Rural Efforts vs Fairbanks Efforts – logistics? incentives?
- Funding Concerns - donations? staffing?

Future Ideas:

- promote annual well child exams
- automated messaging notifications to families
- birthday cards for children turning 9 years old
- partner with local clinics to hold a community education event
- TCC HPV Work Group continues monthly meetings

THE TALE OF THE STARFISH

IT ALL STARTED WHEN...

A young girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement.

She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, “Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can’t save all these starfish. You can’t begin to make a difference!”

The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean.

Then she looked up at the man and replied,

“Well, I made a difference for that one!”

The man looked at the girl inquisitively and thought about what she had done and said. Inspired, he joined the little girl in throwing starfish back into the sea. Soon others joined, and all the starfish were saved.

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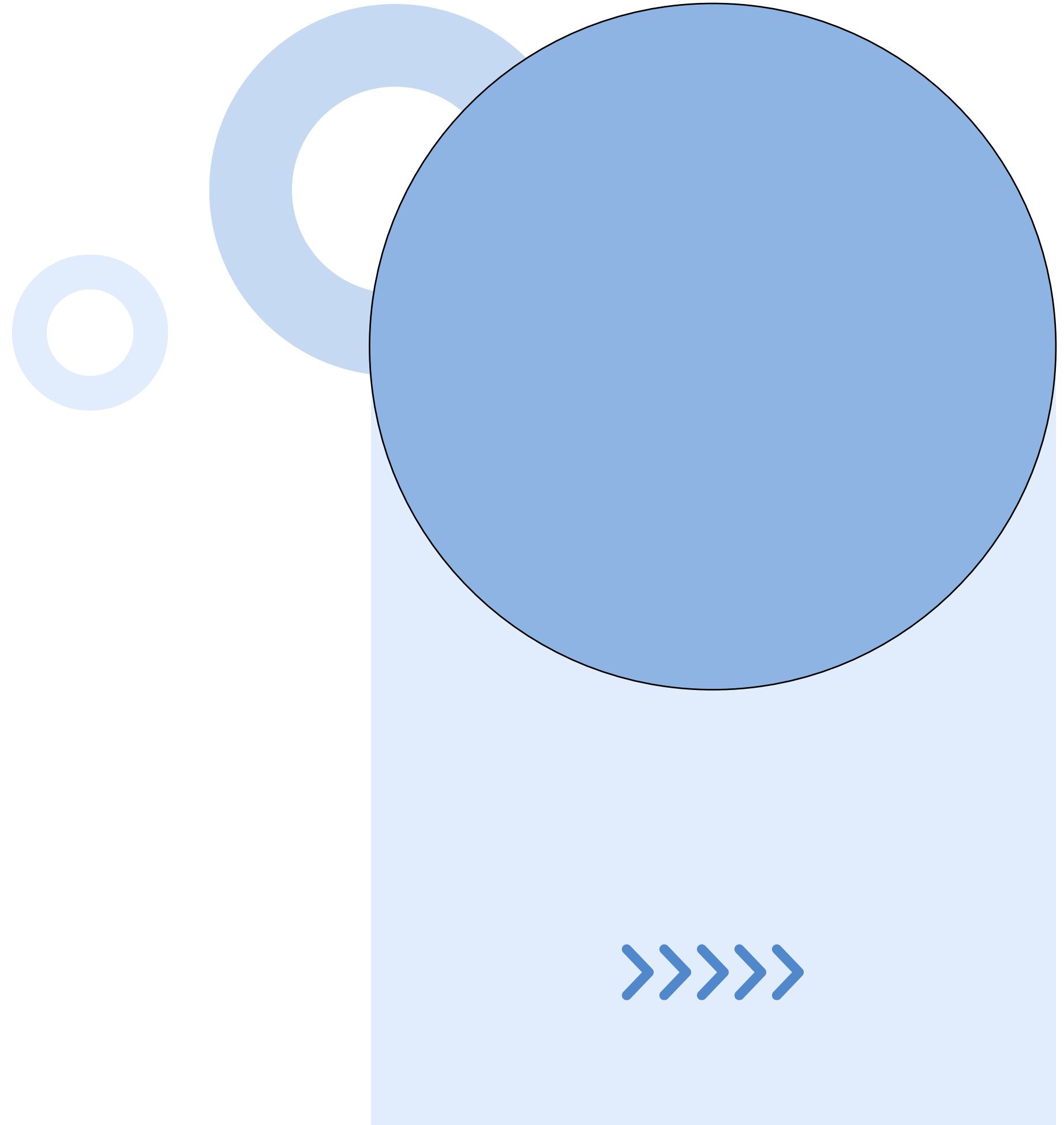
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Q&A



HPV Cancer Free AK

The HPV Vaccination Committee is part of the Alaska Cancer Partnership. Comprised of partners working in HPV Vaccination, the committee organizes an annual statewide vaccination campaign to increase rates through health systems change.

August is Alaska HPV Vaccination Month.

NEW THIS YEAR: Become a pledge partner year round

To get involved:



Visit HPVCancerFreeAK.org



Sign-up as an official Partner of Alaska HPV Vaccination Month



Order no-cost HPV vaccination materials and choose at least one evidence-based activity

