Indiana has the lowest rates of completion in Region 5 when it comes to female (ages 13-17) completion of the HPV immunization 3 dose series, with only 62.9%. Wisconsin has the highest rate with 83.4%. The Healthy People 2020 goal is 80%. 1

Indiana is located in HHS Region 5. It currently has the highest coverage rate in the region among children ages 19-35 months for the 7-vaccine* series, estimated at 74.7% in 2015. Michigan had the lowest rate with 67.4%. The Healthy People 2020 goal is 80%. 1

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Why are Vaccinations Important?

When a large enough portion of the population is immunized against a certain contagious disease, most members of the community are protected. This helps protect those who cannot be immunized, like pregnant women, infants, and the immunocompromised. This concept is referred to as “Herd Immunity” or “Community Immunity”. 3

When no one is immunized, a contagious disease can spread quickly through a community because there are no immune individuals to stop the flow of exposure.

When most of the population is immune, it becomes less likely that the diseased individual will come in contact with someone who is susceptible. This protects the population against an outbreak.

1. CDC. National Immunization Survey (ChildVaxView, TeenVaxView), 2015.