



# **Nevada Immunization Policy Update**

## **Federal Developments, Legal Considerations, and State Response**

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# Summary of Changes

- **Jan 5, 2026: US DHHS issues revised immunization schedule**
  - Reduces number of recommended vaccine from 17 to 11
  - Moves certain vaccines from routine to shared clinical decision-making
  - Removes recommendation for birth Hep B
- **Mar 16, 2026: Preliminary injunction**
  - Temporarily stays the new ACIP appointments
  - Temporarily stays all new recommendations prior to Jan 2025
- **March 6, 2026: Adoption of June 24, 2025 ACIP recommendation**
  - Nevada State Board of Health approved a request not to adopt the most current recommendation, and instead,
  - Adopt the June 24, 2025 ACIP vaccine recommendations for the state

# Nevada Regulatory Framework: Nevada Immunization Authority

- NAC 441A.200(1): Automatically adopts the most recent federal recommendations
- NAC 441A.200(2): Exception allows state/local authorities to **decline updates** if deemed inappropriate
- Provides flexibility to align federal guidance with Nevada public health needs

# Impact on School and Child Care Entry

- No changes to school and childcare facility vaccination requirements
- Rising demand for vaccine exemptions observed in schools and childcare settings
- Public Health Centers continue to provide vaccines using **June 2025 ACIP Recommendations** as reference
- Outreach clinics in partnership with CCSD continue to provide recommended vaccines (except for HPV)
- Community outreach efforts are ongoing to increase vaccination access and education

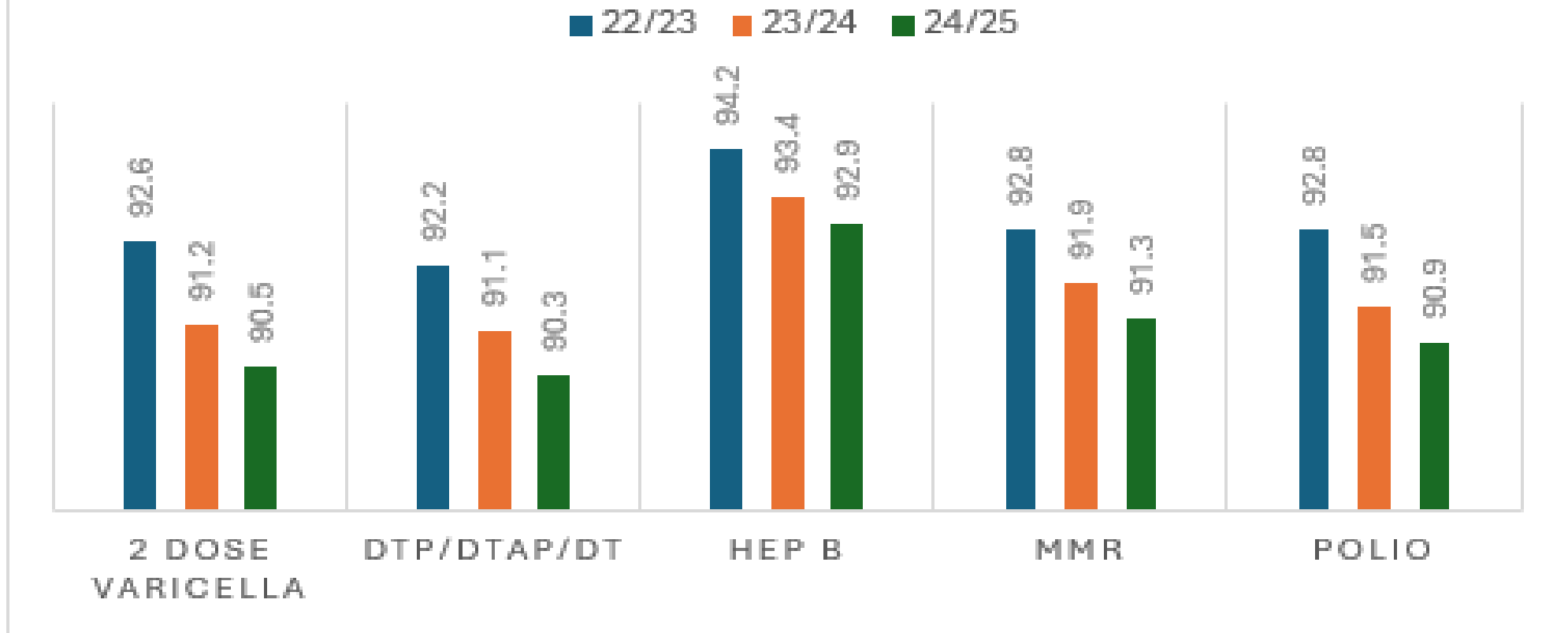
# Nevada School Immunizations Requirements (K-12)

- Required for school entry: DTaP/Tdap, Polio, MMR, Hep A & B, Varicella
- **7th Grade:** Tdap booster + MenACWY
- **12th Grade:** MenACWY booster ( $\geq 16$  years)
- Conditional enrollment allowed if vaccinations in progress

# Child Care & Early Education Requirements

- Applies to childcare and early education programs
- Required vaccines: DTaP, Polio, MMR, Hep A & B, Varicella, Hib, Pneumococcal
- Follows CDC/ACIP age-appropriate schedules

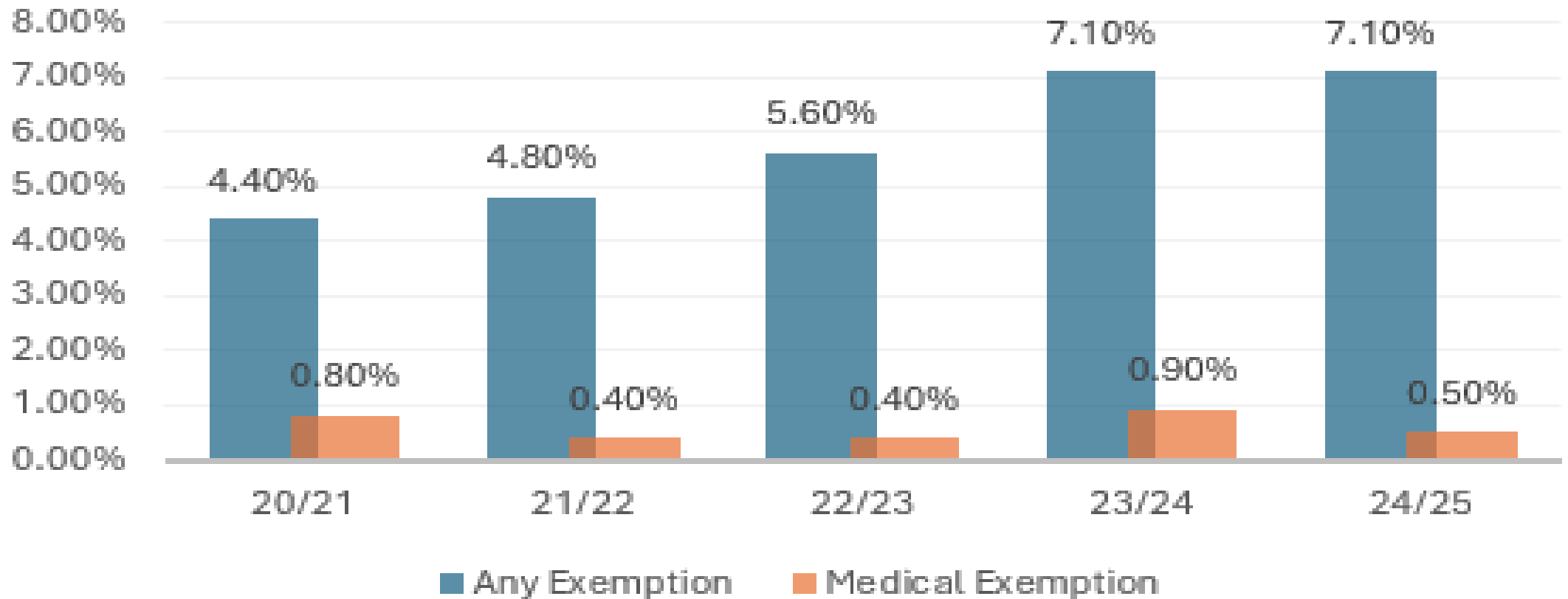
# VACCINE COVERAGE AMONG KINDERGARTNERS IN NEVADA



# Clark County Childcare Immunization Audits

- Immunization Project Team reviews ~75 of ~250 childcare centers annually
- **2024–2025 (first year tracking exemptions):**
  - 7,318 records reviewed
  - 545 exemptions (**7.45%**)
- **2025–2026 (to date):**
  - 5,553 records reviewed
  - 540 exemptions (**9.72%**)
  - *5 facilities remaining for audit*

# Exemptions among Kindergartners in Nevada



# Key Clinical Recommendations

- Follow **routine childhood immunization schedules** (age and risk-based)
- Emphasize **catch-up vaccinations**
- Utilize **shared clinical decision-making** for certain vaccines (e.g., COVID-19 boosters, HPV)
- Continue **annual influenza vaccination**
- Prioritize **high-risk populations** (immunocompromised, pregnant)
- Encourage provider-patient **communication about vaccine safety**

# What Parents/Guardians Need to Know

- Nevada's school and childcare immunization requirements **have not changed**
- Children continue to receive **safe, evidence-based vaccines**
- Federal guidance may evolve, but Nevada **reviews and adopts vaccine recommendations to ensure safety for all of Nevada**
- For questions or schedule guidance, consult **your child's healthcare provider or Immunize.org**



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