

CHECKLIST TO INCREASE COVERAGE RATES

Evidence-based strategies to complement continuous quality improvement planning

GIVE STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS

Give strong recommendations for all vaccines on the current schedule. Use a presumptive or announcement approach to increase rates. Document refusals and reasons for refusal to guide future conversations.

EDUCATE STAFF

Provide staff training about evidence-based communication strategies known to improve vaccine coverage. Designate someone to screen all immunization records before seeing a patient.

MANAGE PATIENT RECORDS

Ensure complete and accurate record practices: record and report all immunizations to LINKS, identify inactive patients, correct incorrect data, and routinely update contact information.

USE PATIENT REMINDER-RECALLS

Identify and notify families whose children are due or overdue for immunizations. Contact patients by phone, auto-dialer, mail, text message, or through patient portals to schedule appointments.

OFFER CONVENIENT CLINIC HOURS

Offer special clinic hours (evenings and weekends) to allow adolescents and their parents with busy schedules to access vaccination services.

HOLD TEAM HUDDLES

Have daily clinical team meetings to improve the flow and quality of care delivered. Focus on immunization planning and addressing daily workflow.