

**Immunization rates in Nevada have been below the national average for both adults and children.** In today's climate of increasing vaccine hesitancy, your role is crucial in fostering an open and understanding environment to discuss vaccination choices. Below are some tools and tips to help you navigate this important conversation. We're truly grateful for the care and commitment you show every day in supporting the health and well-being of our members.

## Provider Recommendation

- Presume parents will vaccinate.
  - "You are scheduled to receive x vaccines".
- Listen and respond to questions.
  - [Questions Parents May Ask about Vaccines | Childhood Vaccines | CDC](#)
- When a provider makes a recommendation, it often holds the most weight in decision-making.

## ▶ Signed Declination Form

- If the patient or family member still refuses, ensure they sign a declination form that highlights the potential consequences of not vaccinating.
- Document the conversation; be prepared to discuss it again at the next visit.
- It is recommended that the declination form be filled out in front of the provider.
  - Download the AAP's "Refusal of Recommended Immunizations" form.  
[https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/RTI\\_Form.pdf](https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/RTI_Form.pdf)

## ▶ Standardized Messaging

- It is essential that the office team deliver a consistent message about vaccinations.
- Hold meetings with the staff to communicate the importance of this positive message.
- Offer to answer questions or concerns from any member of the team who have doubts to ensure staff does not undermine vaccination efforts.

We greatly appreciate your work to improve the health of our community. For the CDC's latest updates and guidance regarding the immunization schedules for both pediatric and adult populations visit [Immunization Schedules | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC](#).

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