



CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENDA of July 15, 2025 @ 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

223 E. 4th Street

Port Angeles, WA 98362

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- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025
- Action Items: None
- Public Comment for Agenda Items – *Please limit comments to three minutes*
- Health Officer: Infectious Disease Update
- Old Business and Information Items:
- Discussion Items:
 1. Board of Health Conference
- Board of Health Presentations:
 1. First Step Family Support Center, Diaper Bank – Elisia Anderson
 2. 2025 Public Health Immunization Survey – Public Health Staff
- Board of Health Public Hearings:
- Environmental Health Director
- HHS Director

- Future meeting agenda items:
 1. Vaccination Rates
 2. Air Quality and Noise Ordinance
 3. Climate Change
 4. Update on Behavioral Health Organization (BHO)
 5. Olympic Peninsula Healthy Communities Coalition
- Public Comment – *Please limit comments to three minutes*
- Adjournment

NEXT MEETING – August 19, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKING AT A BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

- Members of the public wishing to address the Board on general items may do so during the designated times on the agenda.
- Members of the public wishing to comment at the public hearing are asked to sign in on the sheet provided giving their name and place of residence.
- The Chair may limit the comment period to 3 minutes for each speaker subject to Board concurrence.
- Speakers, generally, will be heard in the order they signed up. All comments must be made from the speaker's rostrum and any individual making comments shall first state their name and address for the official record.
- General comments, applause, booing from members of the audience are inappropriate and may result in removal.

These guidelines are intended to promote an orderly system for conducting a public meeting/hearing so that each person has an opportunity to be heard and to ensure that exercising their right of free speech embarrasses no one.

Note: Written testimony presented by members of the public during the Board meeting is considered a public document and must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. Copies of public documents from Board meetings are available by contacting the Public Records Department.

Members:

Chair, Mike French; Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Tia Skerbeck; Paul Cunningham; Jeff Gingell; Mark Ozias and Randy Johnson

Health and Human Services Staff:

Dr. Allison Berry, Health Official; Kevin LoPiccolo, Director; Jenny Oppelt, Deputy Director; Jennifer Garcelon, Environmental Health Director; Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF HEALTH
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2025**



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Meeting was held via Zoom (Video conference)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present were Chair, Mike French; Commissioner Mark Ozias; Commissioner Randy Johnson; City Council Member Representative, Jeff Gingell; Community Stakeholder, Dr. Gerald Stephanz; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Paul Cunningham; HHS Director, Kevin LoPiccolo; HHS Deputy Director, Jennifer Oppelt; Environmental Health Director, Jennifer Garcelon

Members absent: Vice-Chair, Shahida Shahrir; Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Tia Skerbeck; Health Officer, Dr. Allison Berry

Request for Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Gerald Stephanz made a motion to approve the agenda, Paul Cunningham seconded. Agenda approved.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board had unanimous consent to approve the agenda.

Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2025

Gerald Stephanz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Paul Cunningham seconded. Minutes approved.

Public Comment:

None.

Health Officer – Infectious Disease Update – Moni Madjdi, Epidemiologist

Moni updated on the weekly respiratory disease report and it is found on the Public Health website. Seeing an increase in Covid cases and hospitalizations and frequently seeing an increase in the summer due to gatherings and travel. If you are interested in a booster dose of the vaccine, please contact your care provider. Free Covid tests are hard to find but they are still available to purchase, or you can see your physician or the walk-in clinic for testing. Please stay home if you are sick and please mask up if you are unable to stay home. Discussion followed.

Old Business and Information Items:

None.

Discussion Items: None.

1. Opioid Settlement Funding – Joint Meeting Board of Health/Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Board members discussed guiding principles, the fund use, and programs to fund. More information is needed before a decision can be made. Health and Human Services Staff requested from the Board of Health that until a process is formalized, what should be the process to utilize Opioid Settlement Funds? Staff indicated that due to budget cuts, the Harm Reduction Health Center lost in-kind funding from the Department of Health in the amount of \$100,000. This funding was primarily used for supplies. Dr. Stephanz made a motion and Commissioner Johnson seconded to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to fill the gap through the end of this year for the Harm Reduction Health Center with \$50,000 from the Opioid Settlement fund. Motion passed.

Board of Health Presentations: None.

Board of Health Public Hearings:

None

Environmental Health Director - Jennifer Garcelon

Jennifer Garcelon updated that she has 2 conditional offers out for the Environmental Health Specialist positions. Discussion followed.

HHS Director – Kevin LoPiccolo

Kevin LoPiccolo announced that Madison Gallentine, Public Health Nurse Manager, accepted the position with the Sheriff's office as the Clinical Coordinator. Thomas Schemm will be the acting Nurse Manager. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Amy Miller – Amy spoke about Social Workers, their code of ethics, and social justice. She is concerned about the deported individuals and their HIPPA protected information. We should advocate for policies that protect all communities and ensure that health and safety are not compromised by immigration enforcement.

Mark Ozias – would the Board of Health like to hear more from First Step Family Center regarding their Diaper bank? The Board of Health was supportive of having a presentation made.

Wendy Sisk asked everyone to please stop by the Northview Project on the corner of 2nd and Oak Street to check out the process of the new construction. Things are moving along, and she hopes that construction will be completed by May 2026.. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Next Meeting – July 15, 2025

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Mike French, Chair

Allison Berry, MD, MPH, Health Officer

ATTEST:

Nan Furford, Clerk of the Board

2025 PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION SURVEY

2025 CCPH IMMUNIZATION SURVEY



Clallam County Board of Health Summary
July 15th, 2025



CHIP UPDATES: ISSUE PROFILE #3

VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASE

CHA TAKEAWAYS:

- Lower rates of school and childcare required immunizations
- Gaps in access to healthcare for families
- Lack of health promotion programs for youth & pregnant people

LHJ LEVEL STRATEGIES:

- Information Gathering by County Region for Targeted Intervention
- Outreach to Schools & Childcares
- Primary/Secondary/Tertiary Intervention Strategies
- Benchmark Setting

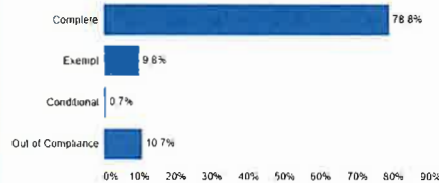


CURRENT VACCINE RATES

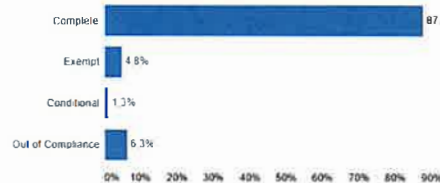


2023-2024 School Year: Kindergarten

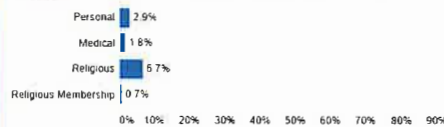
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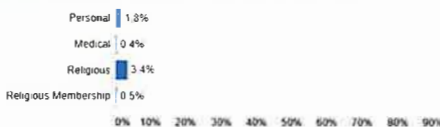
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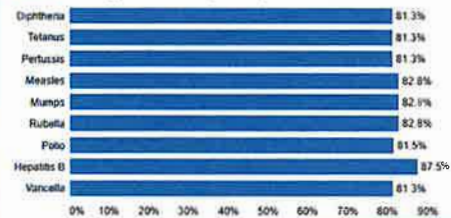
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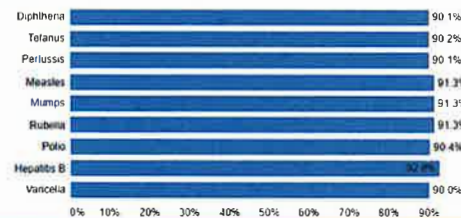
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Clallam Kindergarten % complete by disease, 2023-24

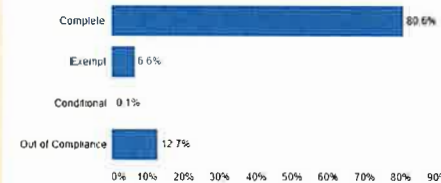


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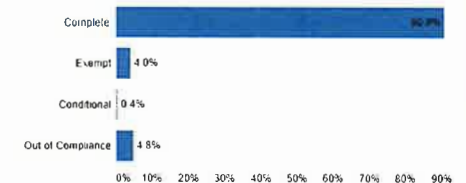


2023-2024 School Year: K-12

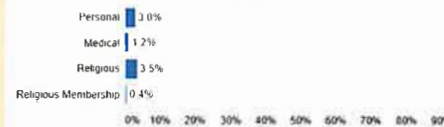
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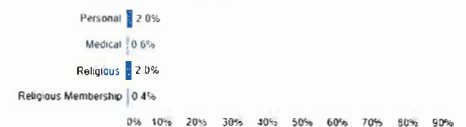
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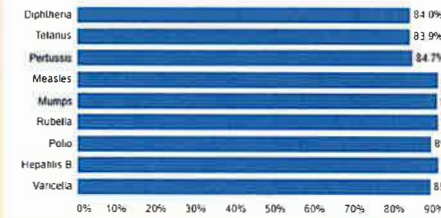
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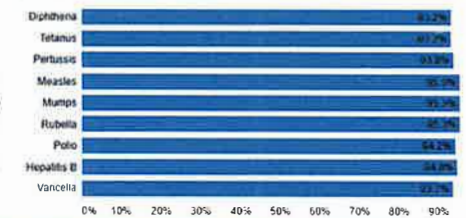
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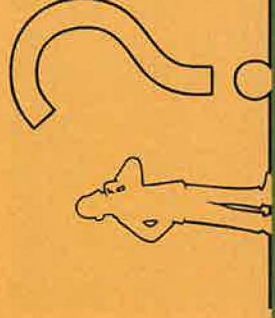


State K-12 % complete by disease, 2023-24



Source: Washington State Department of Health, Washington Tracking Network, School Immunization Data Dashboard, 2023-24 School Year

WHY DO A SURVEY?



The 2022 Clallam County Community Health Assessment (CHA), conducted by Clallam County Public Health, listed vaccine preventable disease as one of the primary focus issue recommendations for the upcoming Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). In order to better understand parental attitudes, beliefs, and concerns about childhood vaccinations, CCPH conducted a Parent Survey. The goal with the survey was to identify barriers to vaccine uptake, tailor public health information and messaging, and design effective outreach strategies.

By listening directly to parents, CCPH hopes to improve community trust, address misinformation, and ultimately increase vaccination rates to protect community health.



ABOUT THE SURVEY



- Based around the Health Belief Model, a psychological framework often used in public health to help understand and predict health behaviors in a population
- Survey was open for 3 weeks and shared widely on social media and by community organizations and local schools
- Available in English & Spanish
- Survey was anonymous, but option was given to provide contact information (email address) if individual wanted to participate in future focus groups or community town hall discussions about vaccination.



HEALTH BELIEF MODEL



Perceived Susceptibility

How likely is my child to get this disease?

Perceived Severity

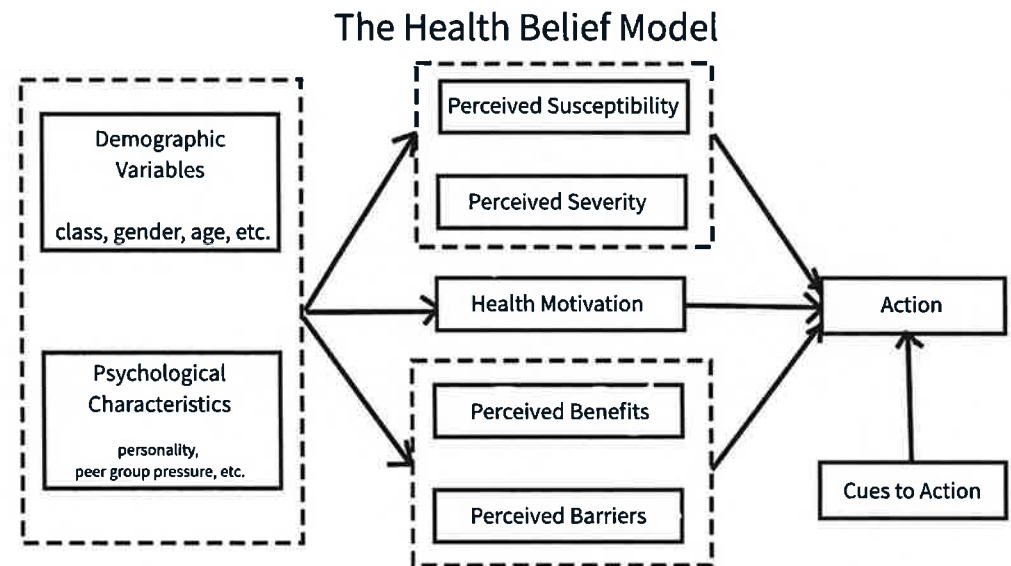
How likely is it that if my child gets this disease, they will be severely ill or die?

Perceived Benefits

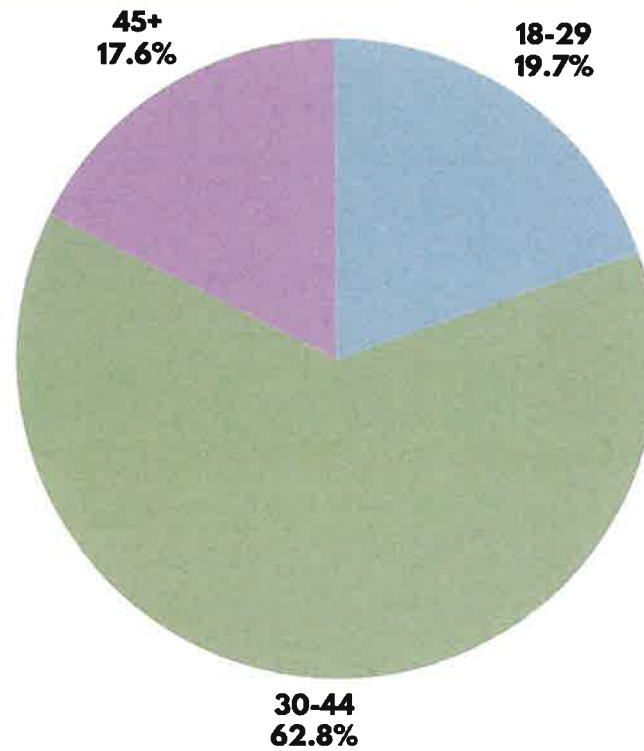
How effective is this vaccine at preventing this disease and/or reducing the severity?

Perceived Barriers

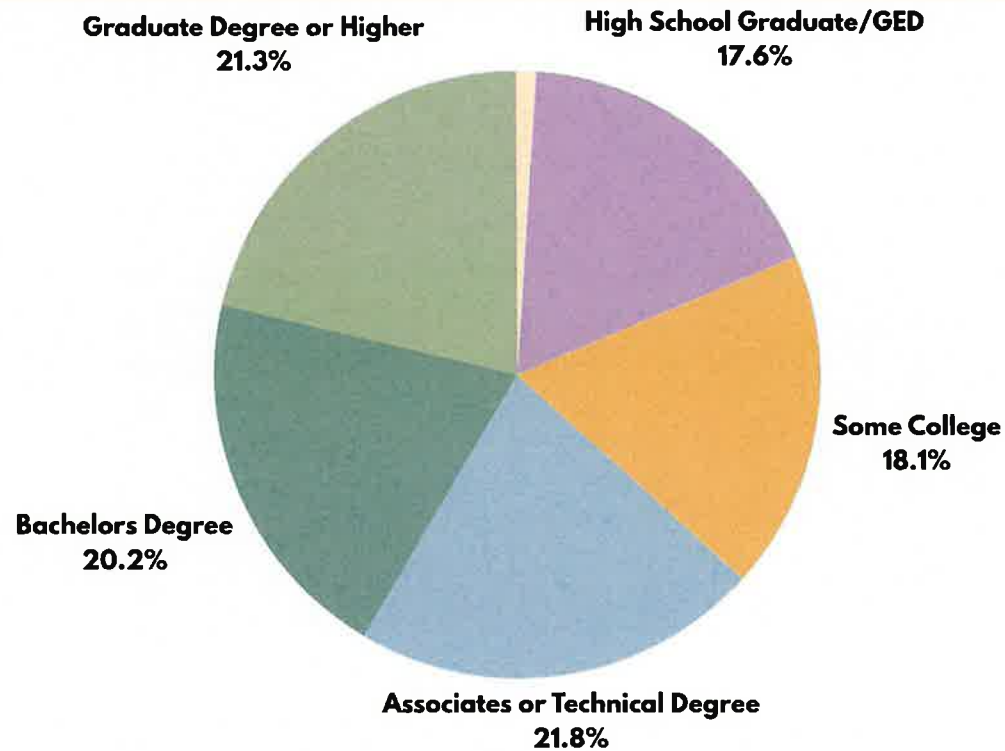
How difficult is it to get this vaccine?



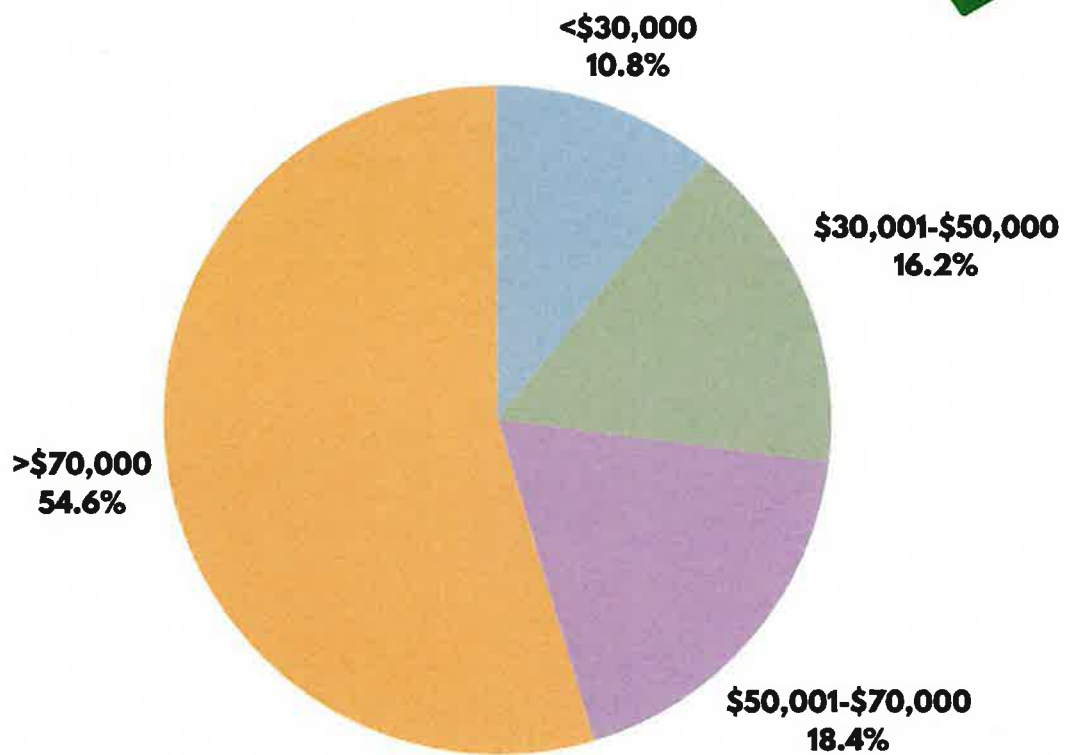
RESPONSES BY AGE GROUP



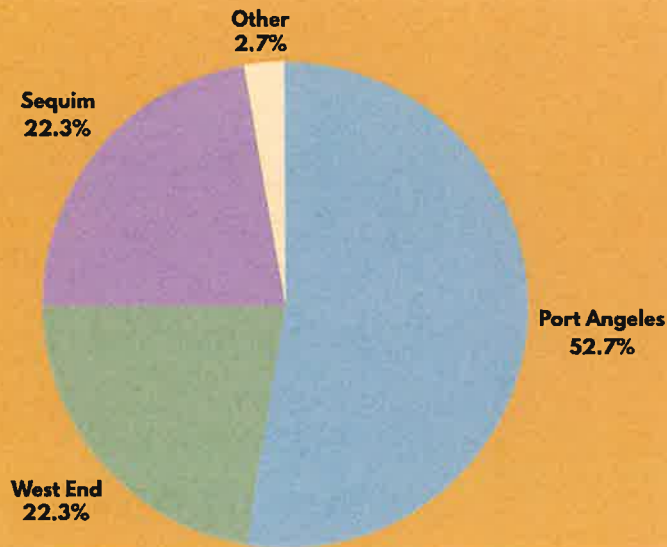
RESPONSES BY LEVEL OF EDUCATION



RESPONSES BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME



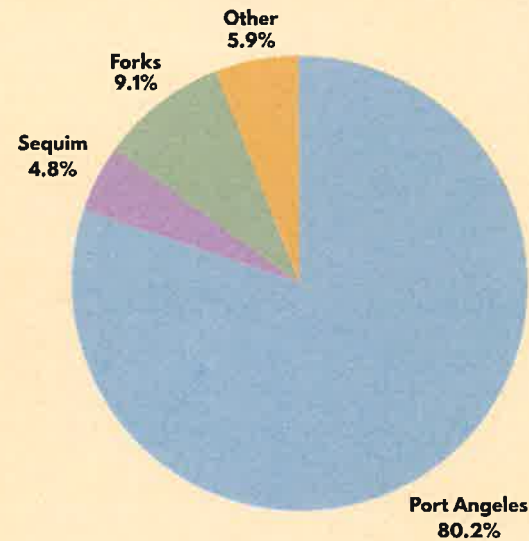
TOTAL SURVEY RESPONSES BY REGION



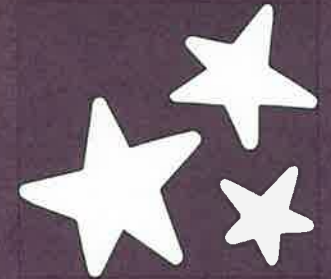
Region Breakdown by Zip Code:

Port Angeles - 98362, 98363
Sequim - 98382, 98324
West End - 98305, 98326,
98331, 98350, 98357
Other - blank or zip code
outside of Clallam County

LOCATION OF CHILD'S PRIMARY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER



HEALTH BELIEF MODEL BASED QUESTIONS



● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Not Sure ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

Children get more vaccines than are necessary.



I believe that many of the illnesses that vaccines prevent are severe.



I believe it is better for my child to develop immunity from being sick than to get their immunity from a vaccine.



It is better for children to get fewer vaccines at the same time.



I only vaccinate my children because it is required by their school or daycare.



I am able to openly discuss my questions and concerns about vaccines with my child's healthcare providers.

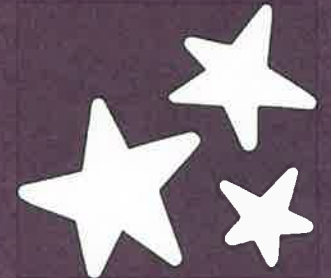


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HEALTH BELIEF MODEL BASED QUESTIONS



● Not At All Concerned ● Not Totally Concerned ● Not Sure ● Seriously Concerned ● Very Seriously Concerned

How concerned are you that your child might get severely ill from a vaccine preventable disease?



How concerned are you that your child might have a serious side effect from a vaccine?



How concerned are you that a vaccine might not prevent the disease?



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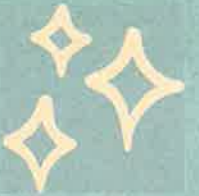
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Top Reasons For Vaccinating

- Health & Immune Protection
- Compliance With School or Childcare Requirements
- Healthcare Provider Recommendation



“My grandma was a survivor of polio and she instilled the value of vaccines.”



“Vaccines literally save lives and are scientifically proven to be safe.”



“Herd immunity and preventing infection.”



“Had to enroll in school.”

Top Reasons For NOT Vaccinating

- Safety Concerns
- Religious or Philosophical Beliefs
- Lack of Research Confidence



"I believe that the ingredients in the vaccines cause more damage than good."



"Vaccine reactions in one of my children."



"Family history of reaction to one so we avoid for now."



"I believe they push too many vaccines at such an early age, and some of the vaccines I don't agree with them getting. For instance the hep B."

Biggest Barriers to Vaccination:

- Logistical Challenges
- Safety Concerns
- Mistrust in Systems



"Availability at doctors office
(prior to moving here)."



"[Getting]
appointments."



"Driving to Port Angeles
(distance and time off
work)"



"We were uninsured for a
long time."

NEXT STEPS/ACTION ITEMS:

TAKEAWAYS:

- Local partnerships with Clallam County clinics and providers remain important
- West End families lack primary care options & can benefit from CCPH vaccine clinics and support
- Opportunities for outreach with families seeking immunization options and more reliable information

CHALLENGES:

- School District Data Reporting Issues for 2024–2025 School Year
- Federal uncertainty with supply & funding (VFC Program)
- Misinformation campaigns



QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!



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