



El Dorado County Childhood Immunizations Survey Results Summary

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Overview

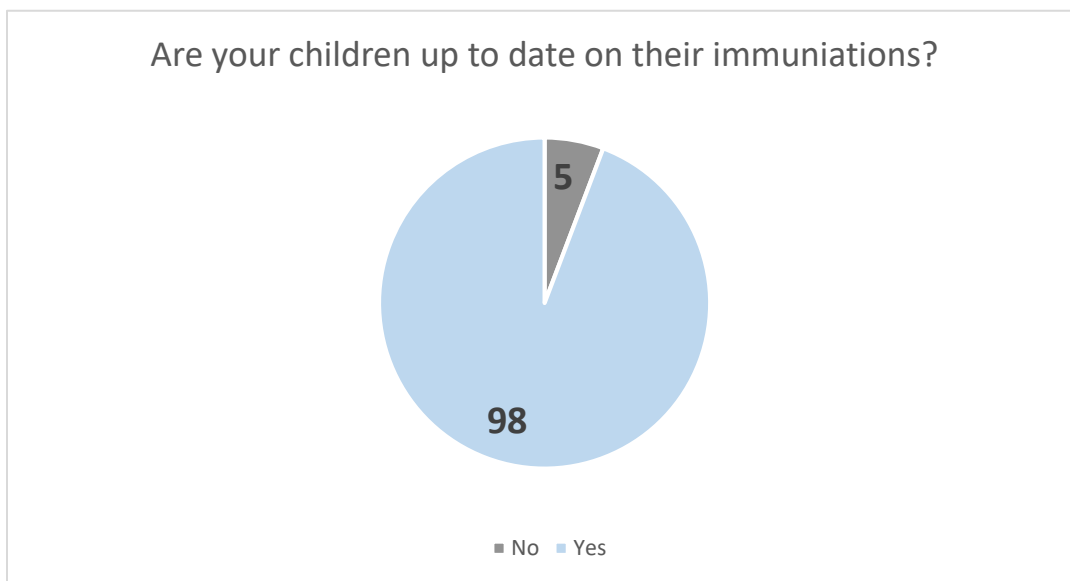
The 2021 Childhood Immunization Survey was developed to get a sense of who is (and isn't) getting their immunizations and why. The results of the survey will assist the Public Health Division with immunization planning this coming season. The survey was distributed to El Dorado County residents from May 3rd through May 11th. The survey included open ended survey questions in order to collect primary qualitative health data.

High-risk groups

Young children are at increased risk for infectious diseases because their immune systems have not yet built up the necessary defenses to fight serious infections and diseases. As a result, diseases like whooping cough or pneumococcal disease can be very serious — and even deadly — for infants and young children. Vaccinations start early in life to protect children before they are exposed to these diseases. Primary quantitative and qualitative data was collected from El Dorado County parents with children.

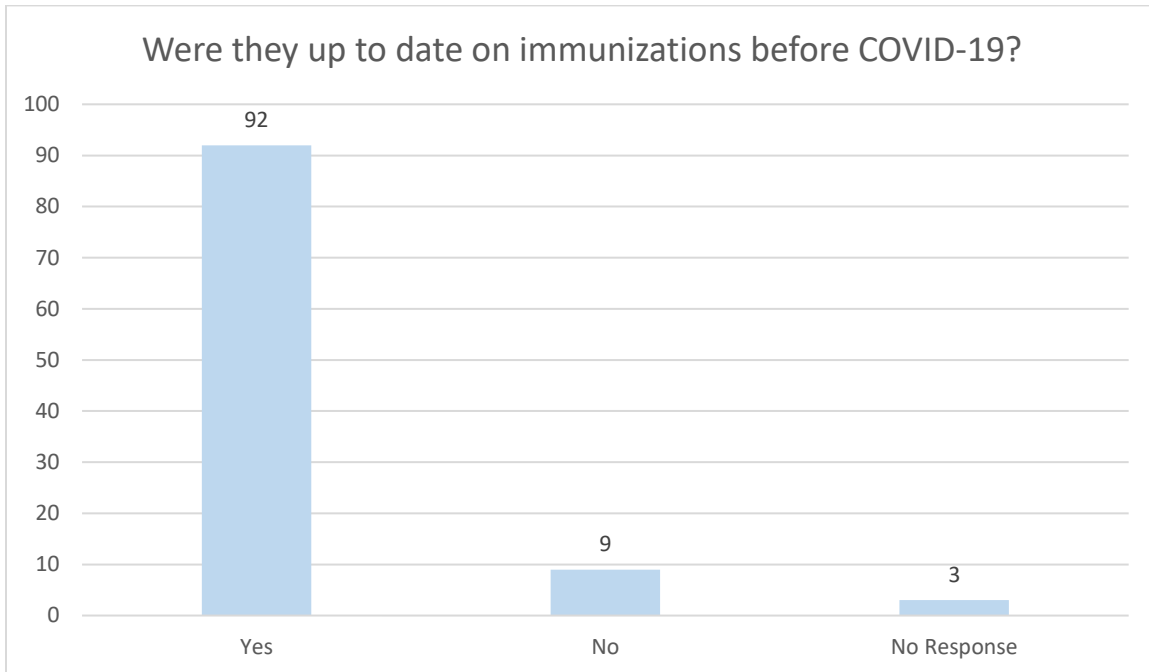
Summary:

- 103 community members with children under 18 years old responded to the survey
- When asked, "Are your children up to date on their immunizations?"
 - 95% stated yes
 - 5% stated no

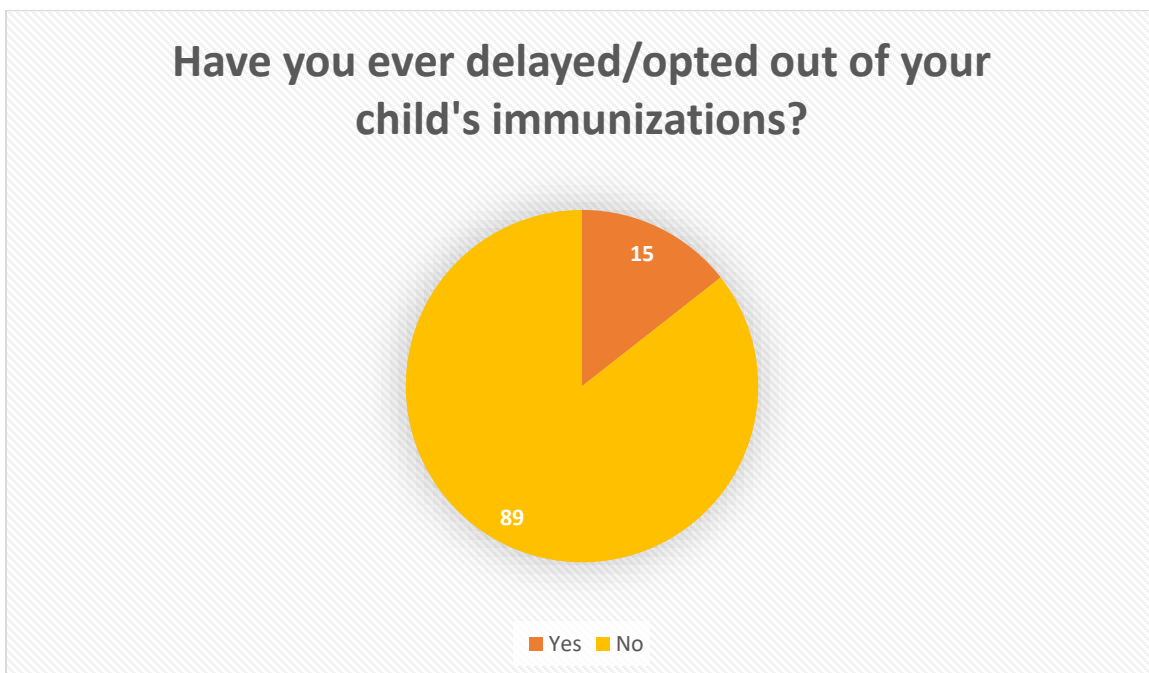


- When asked, "Were they up to date on immunizations before COVID-19?"
 - 89% stated yes

- 8% stated no
- 3% didn't respond



- When asked, “Have you ever delayed/opted out of your child’s immunizations?”
 - 14% stated yes
 - 86% stated no



- Respondents stated the following reasons why they delayed/opted out of child immunizations:
 - I'm concerned about the side effects (4)
 - COVID-19 (3)

- Other
 - Delayed but now current (6)
 - Not specified (2)
 - Health reasons (1)
 - Concerns/difficulties with getting immunizations now (1)
- When asked, “Which Back to School Outreach Immunization Clinic location could you attend?”
 - El Dorado Hills Fire Station 85 (24)
 - Placerville County Fair Grounds (15)
 - Henningsen Lotus Park (2)
 - None (2)
 - Multiple Locations (15)
 - Cameron Park Fire Station 89 (5)
 - Grizzly Flats Community Church (1)
 - Pollock Pines Community Church (1)
 - Somerset Pioneer Park (1)
- When asked, “Is there anything else you would like to share regarding childhood immunizations?” respondents stated:
 - When can we safely immunize children?
 - Clinics in South Lake Tahoe
 - They [vaccines] are awesome and life changing and everyone who can get them should
 - We want COVID shots for younger kids
 - When Pfizer is approved for 13 year olds, we will be back
 - Still concerned whether vaccinations for kids are safe
 - I do not think you should have them [vaccinations] to go to public school
 - We want to wait and see more data and trials
 - She knows people who have delayed recently and "understands their concerns" even though she chose not to
 - Everyone should get them [vaccines]
 - They are great!

Conclusions

- The most popular Back to School Outreach Immunization Clinics were El Dorado Hills and Placerville.

- Concerns about immunization side effects was the number one reported reason for delaying/opting out of children's immunizations.
- There was a slight increase in children's immunizations post COVID-19.
- Majority of participants support childhood vaccines
- Minority participants intentionally space out their children's immunizations
- Minority of participants are apprehensive about childhood vaccinations
- Majority of participants support childhood vaccines and are open to participating in future immunization clinics