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## **Livingston County Ranks High for Early Childhood Vaccinations**

**Mt. Morris, NY, September 7, 2021-** Vaccines protect against infectious diseases and are one of the most significant achievements in both medicine and public health. According to the Immunization Action Coalition, for more than 50 years vaccinations have saved more than a billion lives and prevented countless illnesses and disabilities in the United States.

An early childhood series of vaccines, as recommend by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), protects against 11 illnesses, including measles, mumps, and chickenpox. A recent report from the New York State Health Foundation reviewed early childhood vaccination coverage in New York State from 2018 to 2020. Vaccination coverage refers to the percentage of children who completed the entire early childhood vaccine series by the age of 24 months.

According to the New York State Immunization Information System, in 2020, Livingston County had the highest rate for childhood vaccinations in New York State. Livingston County's rate was 82%, which is above the New York State's Prevention Agenda goal of 70.5%.

"The Livingston County Department of Health is proud of this achievement and continues to work with community partners including schools and health care providers to promote and provide access to vaccinations, especially for our children. This report shows evidence that our efforts are working", stated Jennifer Rodriguez, Public Health Director.

The Livingston County Department of Health encourages you to talk to your doctors, nurses, or other healthcare professionals to ensure you and your children are up-to-date on recommended vaccines. For more information, please visit CDC's Interactive Vaccine Guide at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/growing/>, which provides information on the vaccines recommended for women during pregnancy and throughout your child's life.

If you have any questions about immunizations please contact your health care provider or call the Department of Health at 243-7299.

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