


Year to Date Performance	66%	Performance Assessment	 Yellow
Island Health Target	Greater than or equal to 75%	Performance is outside acceptable range; monitor and take action as appropriate.	

What do we measure and why?

The 7 Year Immunization Coverage measure is the percentage of children who are fully immunized by their seventh birthday.

A high rate of immunization for a population can help decrease the risk of some childhood diseases and control outbreaks. Immunizations protect children and adults from a number of diseases, some of which can be fatal or result in permanent disabilities.

Monitoring trends in coverage is important in order to identify the potential for outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases (i.e., when coverage rates drop in a population, there is increased risk of vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks).

This monitoring also guides where public health resources need to be allocated, such as improving access to immunization services or public education efforts.

What is the target?

For 2019, Island Health's target was 75% or higher. Rates below 66% will be categorized as red, being significantly outside range and requiring action.

The long-term target is 95%.

How are we doing?

Island Health did not meet the 2019/20 target for this measure. Of all the children born in 2011, 66% were fully immunized by their seventh birthday. Approximately 600 more children needed to be immunized to meet the target.

What actions are we taking?

Island Health is reviewing how it reminds parents to schedule immunization appointments for their children. The recommendations and guidelines from this review will be used to improve and standardize immunization reminders for parents.