



# State of Louisiana

## Department of Health and Hospitals Immunization Program

**To:** Vaccines for Children providers  
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**Subject:** Polio Vaccination Reminder

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

The purpose of this memo is to remind you of the need to vaccinate your pediatric population with poliovirus vaccine. The latest information from the National Immunization Survey (NIS) indicates that Louisiana coverage for 3+poliovirus vaccine decreased 4.1 percentage points from 98.1%  $\pm$ 1.5 in 2009, to 94.0% $\pm$ 3.5 in 2010. Although the decrease was statistically significant, coverage for poliovirus vaccine remained above the national objective of 90%.

As you may know, the NIS is a random sample survey instrument used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to measure the immunization levels achieved among the states and several separate cities. This random sample is among all children in Louisiana, regardless of insurance or affiliation. Each quarter, and annually the NIS releases data and ranks each state within a 95% confidence interval (CI).

The most recent survey data for 2010 (estimates are based on children born January 2007 through July 2009) indicates a statistically significant decrease of 4% in polio vaccination for children in the State of Louisiana.

**Please keep polio vaccination a priority in your practice!**

Inquiries may be directed to the Immunization Program at 504-838-5300. Thank you!