

Vaccine-preventable Diseases in Colorado's Children

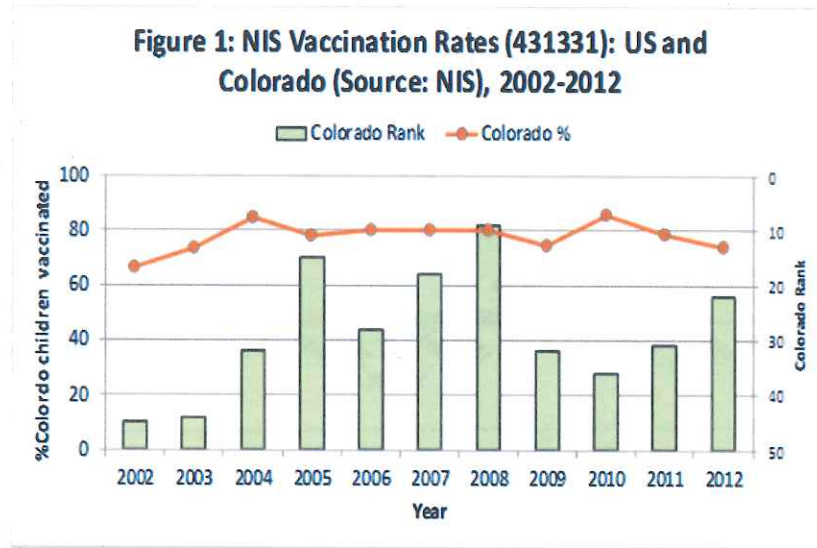
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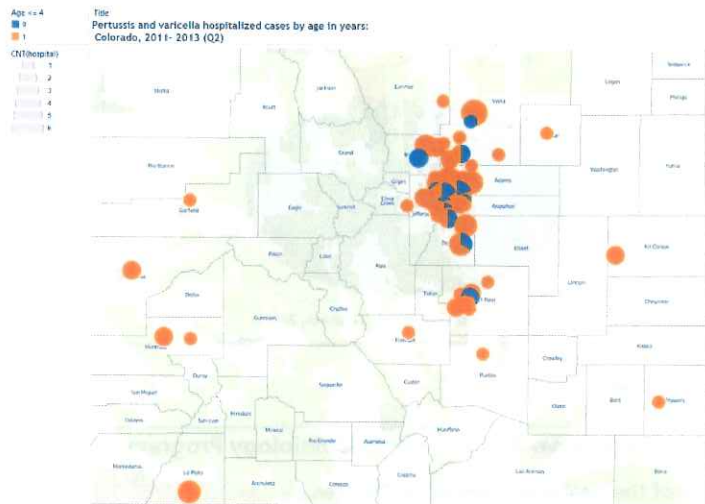
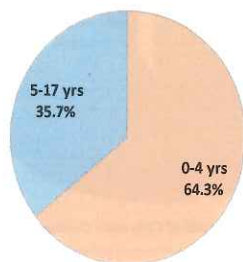
❖ **Summary: Parents need to know that Colorado data confirms that vaccines are safe and effective. Not vaccinating on time puts their own children, as well as others, at risk of severe disease, especially the youngest and most vulnerable.**

- Twenty percent (20%) of Colorado children are not fully vaccinated at 19-35 months of age.

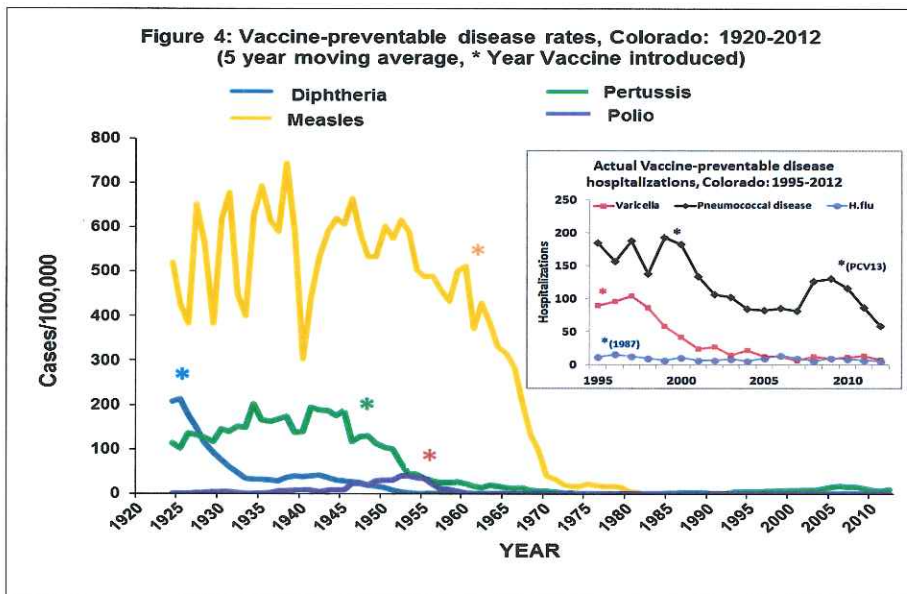


- Colorado's youngest children continue to have unacceptable rates of hospitalization for vaccine-preventable diseases comprising two thirds of all childhood cases..
- Cases occur in all parts of Colorado, primarily in our youngest children.

Figure 3: VPD Hospitalizations of Colorado Children in 2012, Including Influenza



- Vaccines have been shown to be both safe and highly effective in Colorado



- Vaccines not only prevent severe disease with minimal serious side effects, they also save millions of dollars in Colorado.

