

Update on Routine Childhood Immunization, Influenza Vaccine and COVID-19

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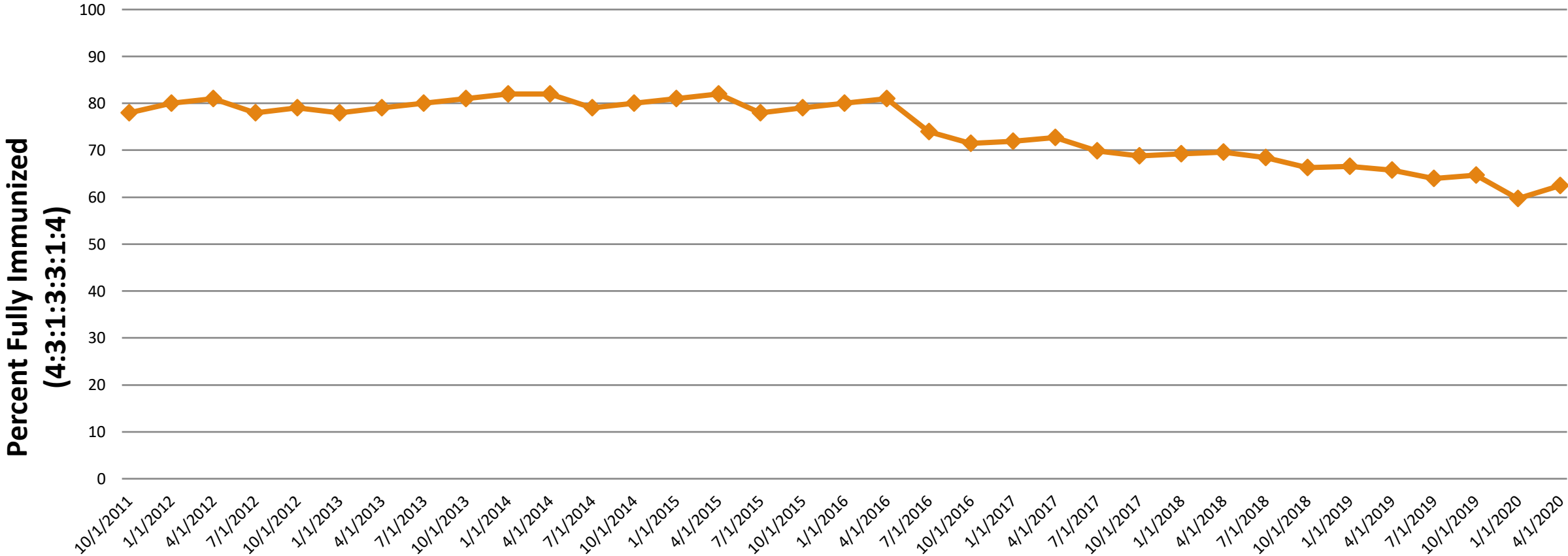


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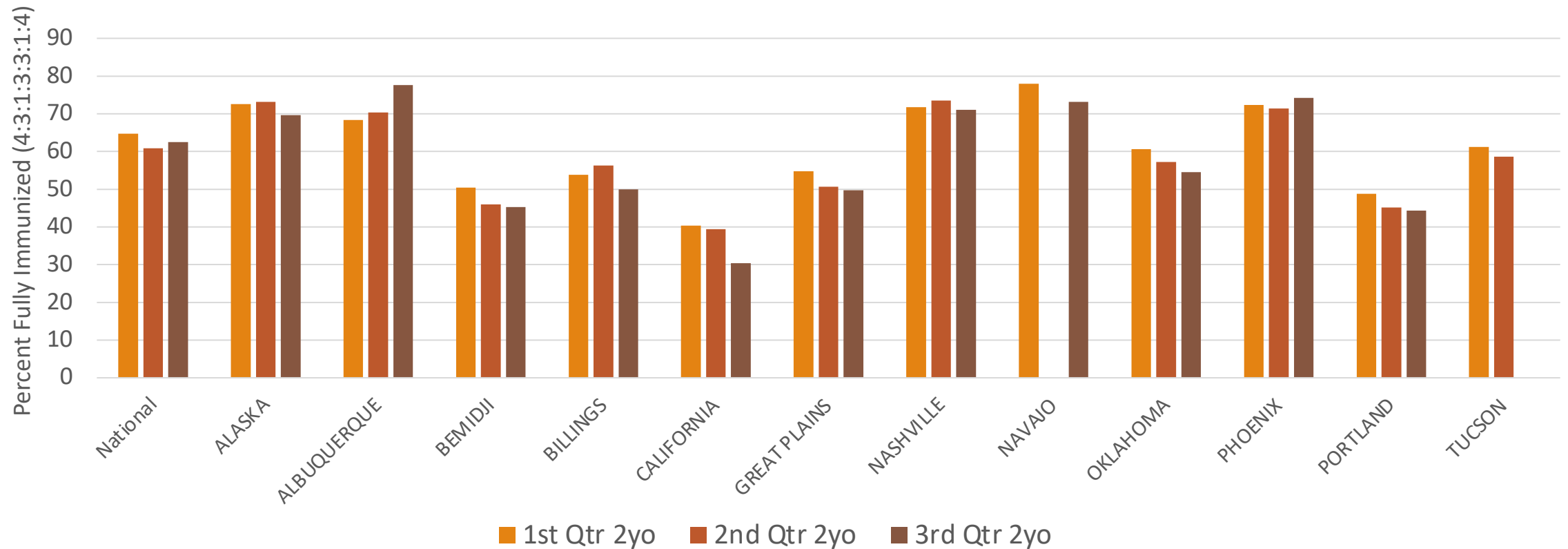
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Routine Childhood Immunizations

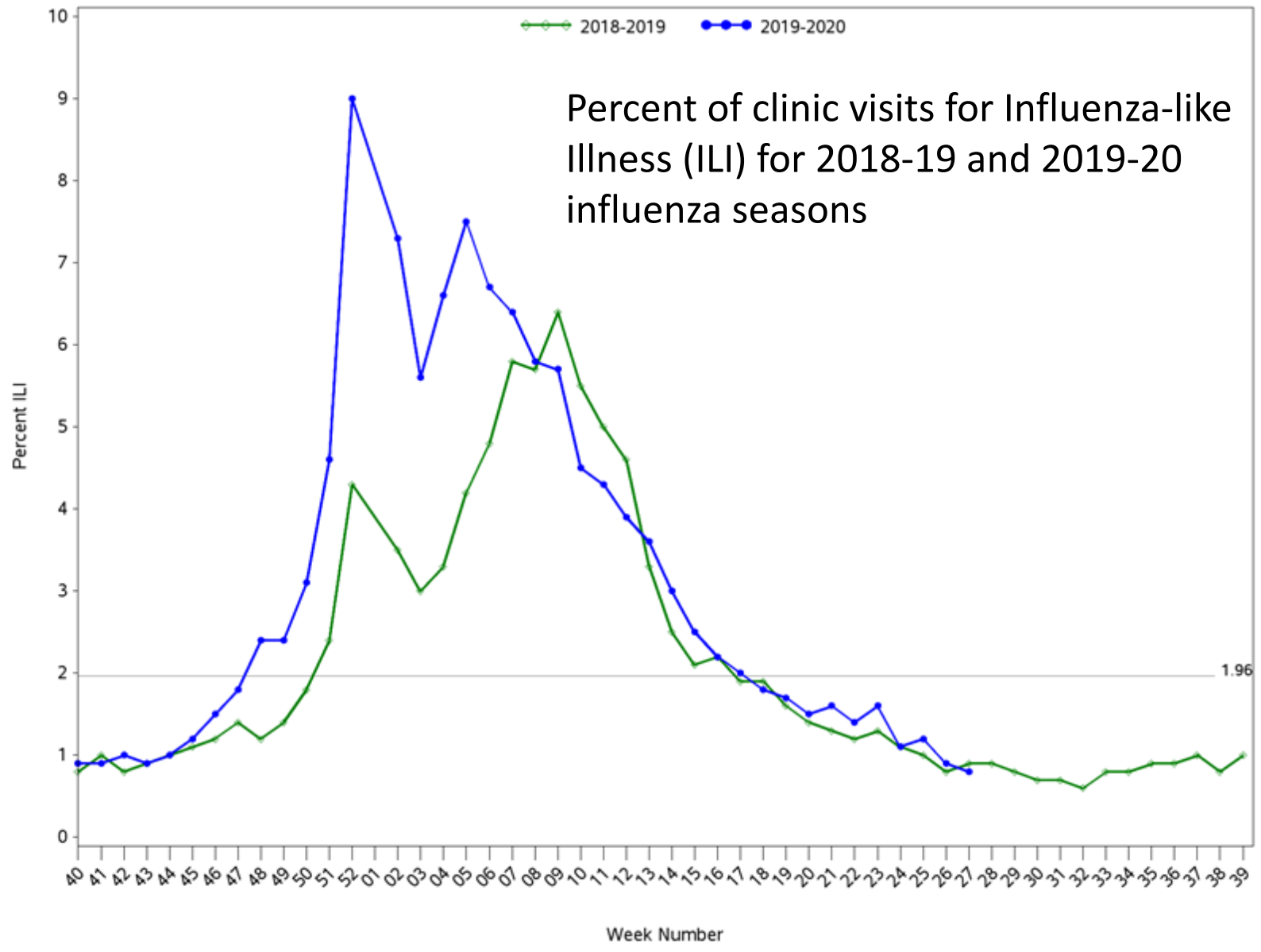
Indian Health Service Quarterly 2 Year Old Immunization Coverage



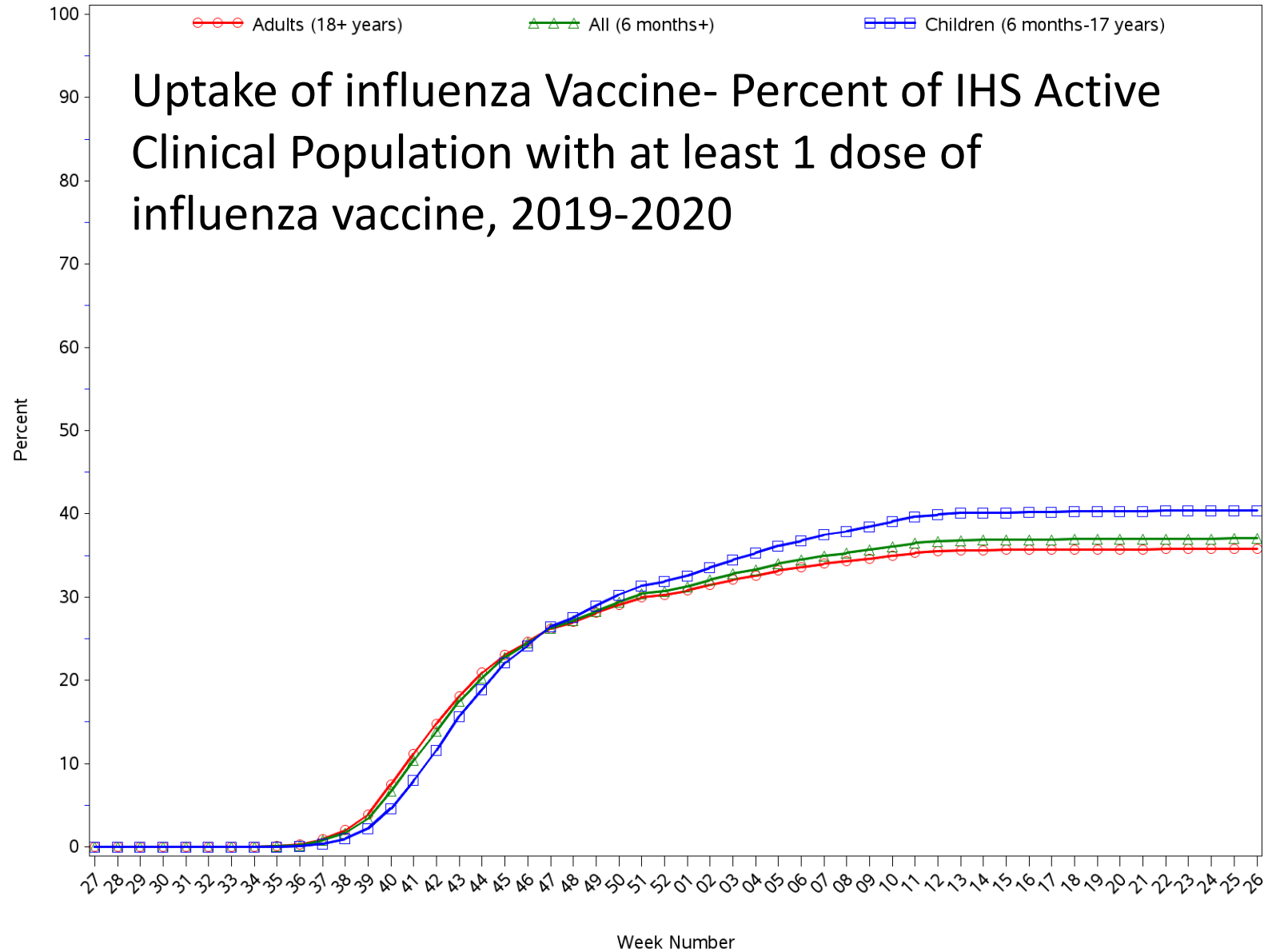
Indian Health Service FY2020 First 3 Quarters 2 Year Old Immunization Coverage by Area



Influenza



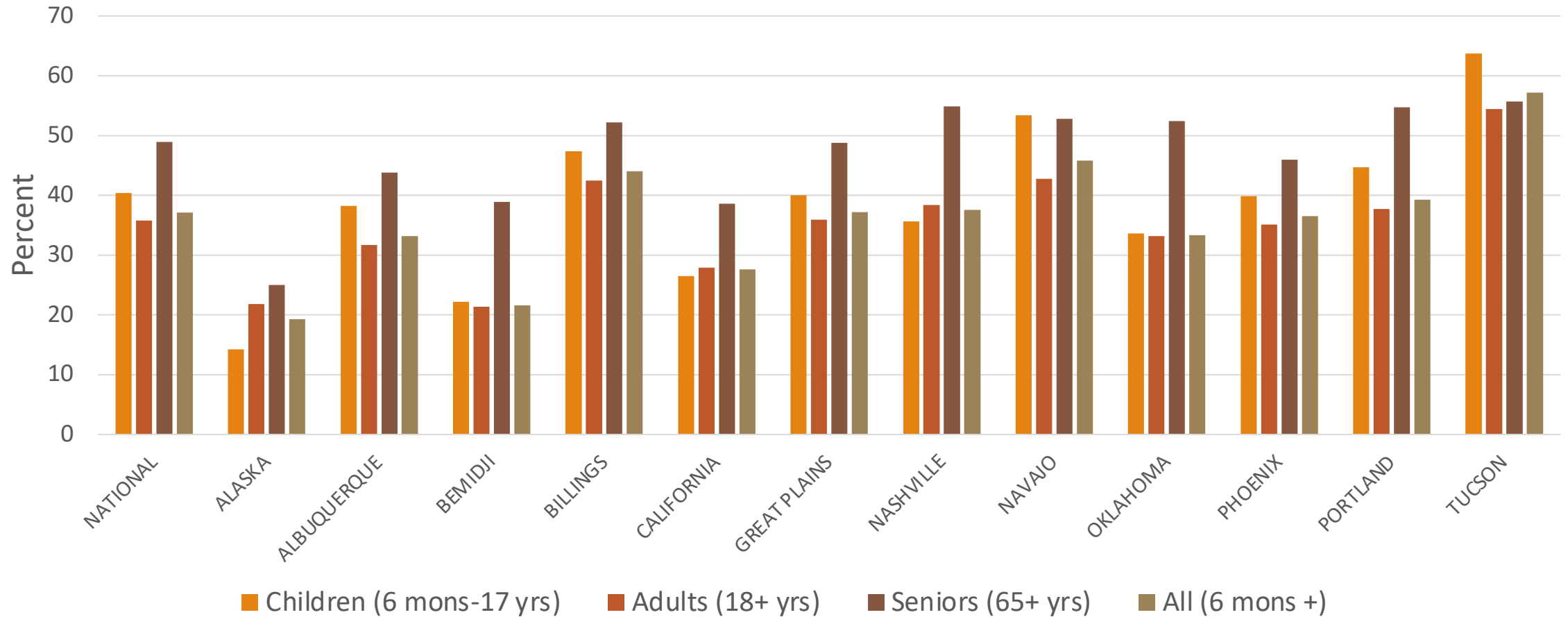
Source: IHS Influenza-like Illness Awareness System (IIAS)



- Overall flu vaccination coverage of 37.1% for IHS Active Clinical Population
- Increase in children vaccinated through Week 8

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Percent of Active Clinical Population with at least 1 dose of flu vaccine, by Area, 2019-2020



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We try to “max-pack” every single visit. If a patient is due for something we try to address it each time they come in

We also will keep offering and encouraging the flu shot even when we know that the patient has refused in the past.

Running the reports in RPMS because then we are able to call and remind the patient when we see they are behind!

I think we have had much success because our providers participate and back us, especially when we communicate that the patient/parent is hesitant.

If a patient refuses, the MA lets the Provider know so we can discuss it briefly. A lot of the time if we know why they are refusing, we can talk them into it by giving them more information.



Building a successful flu vaccine campaign

- Team-based care where providers, nurses and CMAs work together as a team and support each other's efforts
- Checking for and offering a flu shot at every clinic visit, including eye clinic, dental clinic, diabetes and specialty clinics and the pharmacy refill window.
- Providing flu shots at out-of-clinic venues: elder meetings, day care and Head Start facilities, and drive-through flu clinics.
- Making flu shots available at special walk-in flu clinics staffed by nurses.
- Adopting extended-hours clinics on weekends and evenings specifically for flu shots.
- Utilizing pharmacists who are authorized in most states to provide a variety of immunizations, including flu shots.
- Optimize Electronic Health Record (EHR) reminders, immunization package and two data exchange with State Immunization Information Systems.
- Providing community outreach through radio, newspaper and social media outlets to educate the community about the importance of getting a flu shot each year.

Planning for COVID-19 Vaccine

- Specialized reporting system
- Storage and distribution
- Supply and prioritization
- Acceptance