



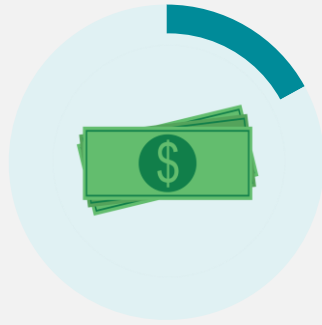
# THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 RESPONSE ON LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS

In June 2020, NACCHO distributed a survey to 425 LHDs to assess the impact of COVID-19 response on local health department (LHD) capacity to conduct immunization (IZ) services. The survey received a 34% response rate. Results presented are reflective of a snapshot in time at the beginning of the pandemic.

## LHDs Redirect Resources to Respond to COVID-19



**88%** reassigned IZ staff to focus on COVID response efforts







**17%** redirected IZ funding to support COVID response activities

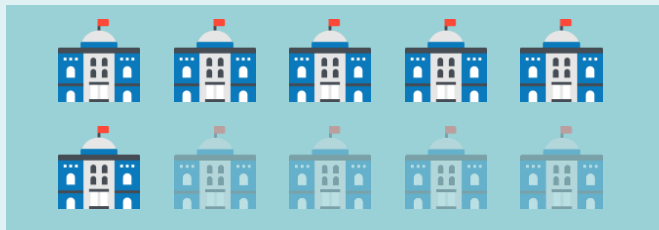
## LHD IZ Activities are Impacted by COVID-19 Response

**89%** indicated routine IZ activities have been impacted

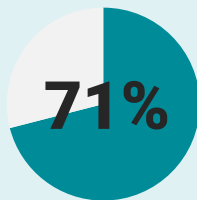
**62%** experienced a decline in IZ coverage rates in their jurisdiction

### Activities Most Impacted:

-  Immunizations (83%)
-  Education, outreach, training, or partnership activities (68%)
-  Vaccines for Children (VFC) services (60%)
-  School assessments/audits (32%)



**“** Our office has had to close to the public, making us unable to provide IZ services to those in need. **”**



are prepared to give COVID vaccines, but **they will need resources** to do so

## LHDs Adapt with Innovative Service Delivery Strategies

Local IZ programs that have remained open during the pandemic adopted alternative service delivery strategies including:



online and telehealth services



adjusted appointments and clinic schedules



home visiting services



drive-thru vaccination clinics