

# IMMUNIZATIONS: THE FACTS

ANTHC'S Immunization Program works to achieve high immunization coverage rates in all Alaska Native communities and eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases.



## VACCINES SAVE LIVES!

Before vaccines, many children and adults died of preventable diseases.

## VACCINES ARE SAFE & EFFECTIVE!

Alaska Native communities used to have one of the highest infection rates of Hepatitis B in the United States. Now, we have one of the lowest rates thanks to vaccine.



## THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!

Vaccines work best when most people within a community get vaccinated.

## VACCINES ARE PART OF ALASKA'S HISTORY!

The Iditarod sled dog race was inspired by a sled dog relay carrying antitoxin serum to Nome to help control an outbreak of the vaccine-preventable disease diphtheria in 1925.



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