

# Immunization Coverage in Grade 9 Students – 2023-24

## Population

The children included in these analyses are those who were registered in Grade 9 or were homeschooled with a birth year of 2009 in the 2023-24 school year in PEI.

## PEI Guidelines

The [PEI immunization guidelines](#) recommend two immunizations for children in Grade 9: Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) (1 dose), and meningococcal A, C, Y and W-135 conjugate (1 dose).

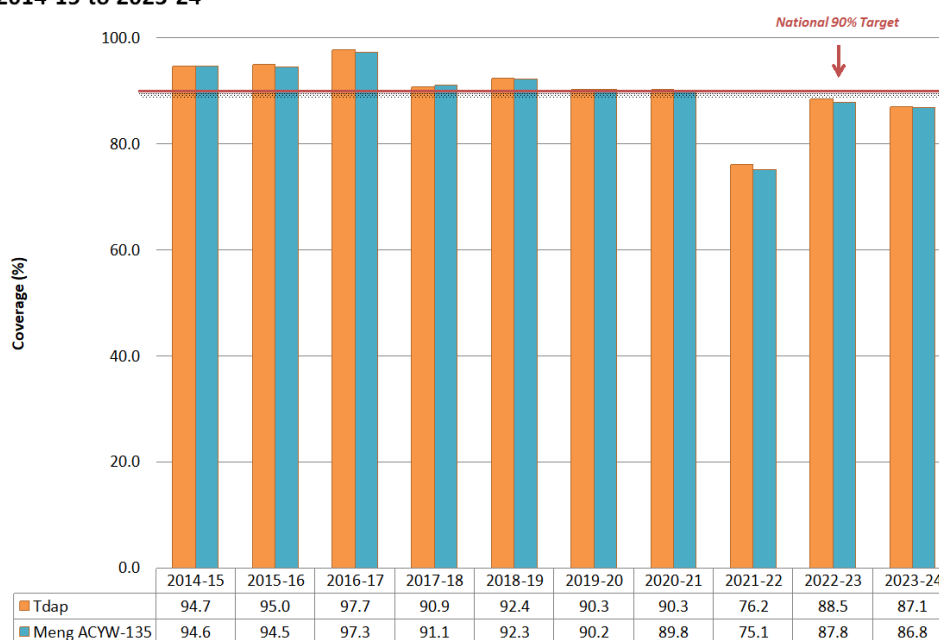
## National Vaccination Coverage Goals

The national vaccination coverage goals outlined in the National Immunization Strategy are used as the benchmark by which PEI immunization coverage in Grade 9 students is judged. The national goals indicate that by 2025, 90% of children should receive adolescent meningococcal conjugate (1 dose) and Tdap (1 dose) by their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup>

## Immunization Coverage in Grade 9 Students

Immunization coverage among PEI students in Grade 9 is shown below. Coverage in the 2023-24 school year was 86.8% for meningococcal A, C, Y and W-135 conjugate and 87.1% for Tdap. Immunization coverage did not exceed the national target of 90% for both vaccines.

**Tdap and Meningococcal ACYW-135 Coverage in Grade 9 Students, 2014-15 to 2023-24**



## References

1. Canada, P. H. A. of. Vaccination Coverage Goals and Vaccine Preventable Disease Reduction Targets by 2025. *aem* (2017). Available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization-vaccine-priorities/national-immunization-strategy/vaccination-coverage-goals-vaccine-preventable-diseases-reduction-targets-2025.html>. (Accessed: 4th May 2018)