

Impact of the pandemic on vaccine uptake, attitudes, and future immunization strategies

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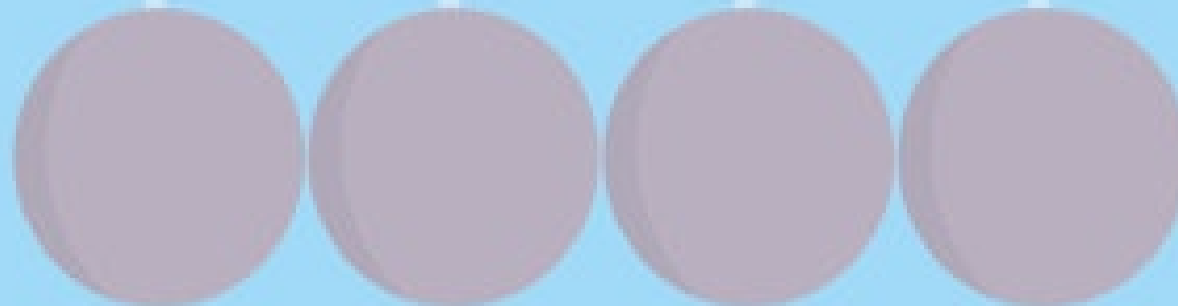
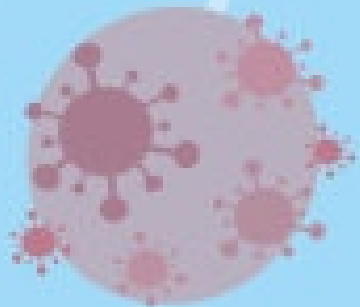
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Presentation outline

- Impact of the pandemic on routine immunization
 - Strategies to improve vaccine coverage
- Coverage
Attitudes



Infant & preschool vaccine coverage



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Infant and pre-school vaccine coverage



Quebec: 18-month vaccines most impacted;
quickly rebounded



Alberta: Coverage fluctuated with pandemic closures



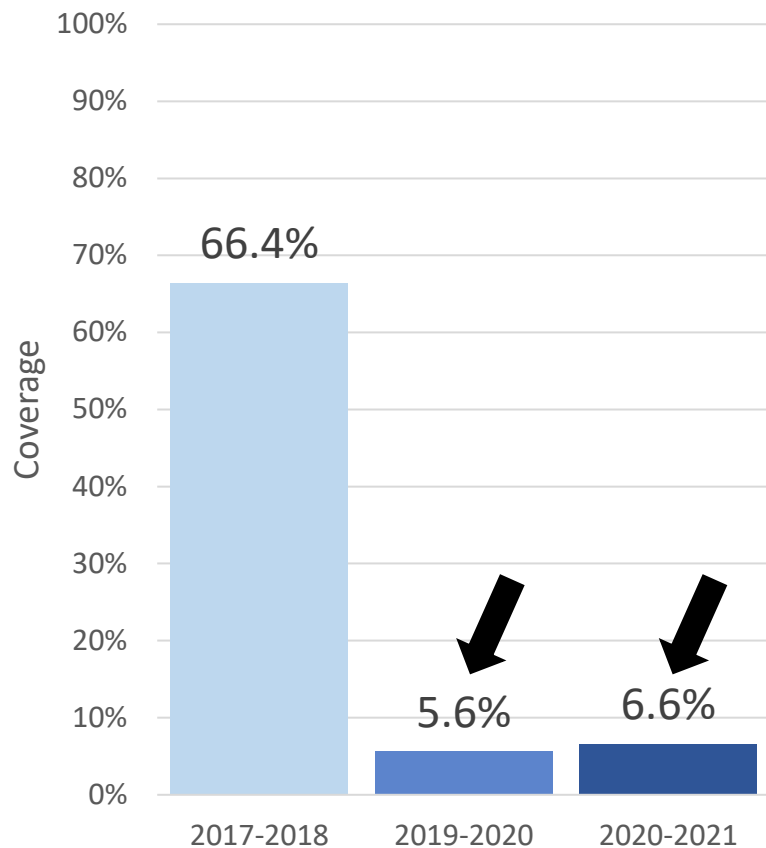
Ontario: 2- and 7-year old coverage dropped and
was slow to increase again

School-based vaccine coverage

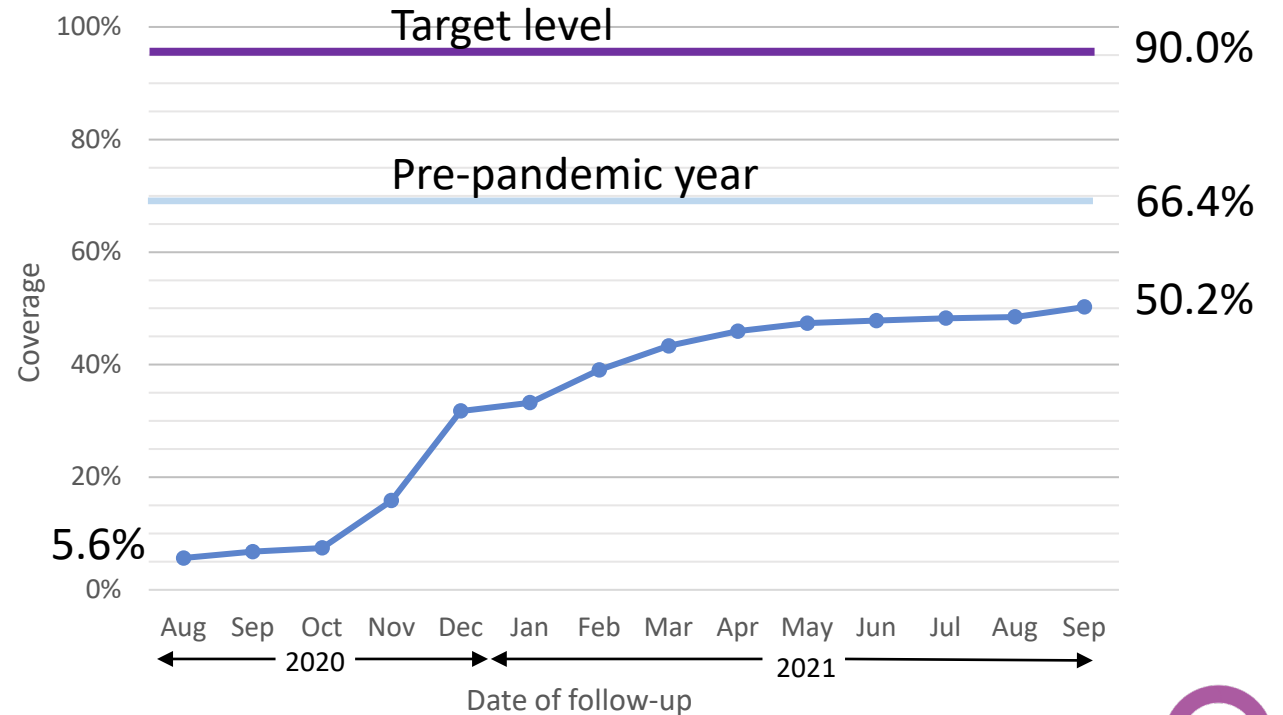


School-based vaccine coverage: Human papillomavirus (HPV) in Alberta

HPV vaccine doses: Full coverage (2 doses) at end of school year

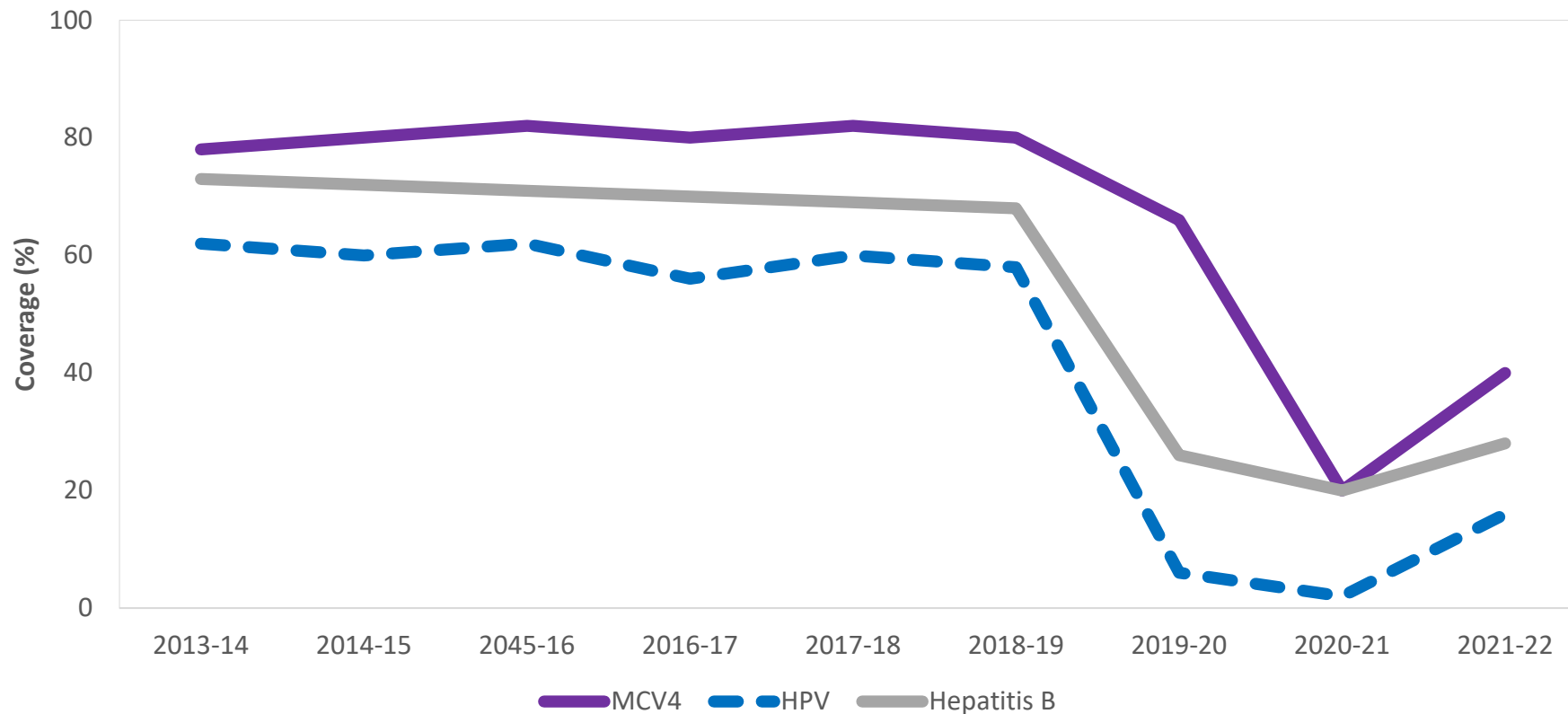


Trends in fully vaccinated for HPV: 2019-2020 pandemic cohort followed for a year



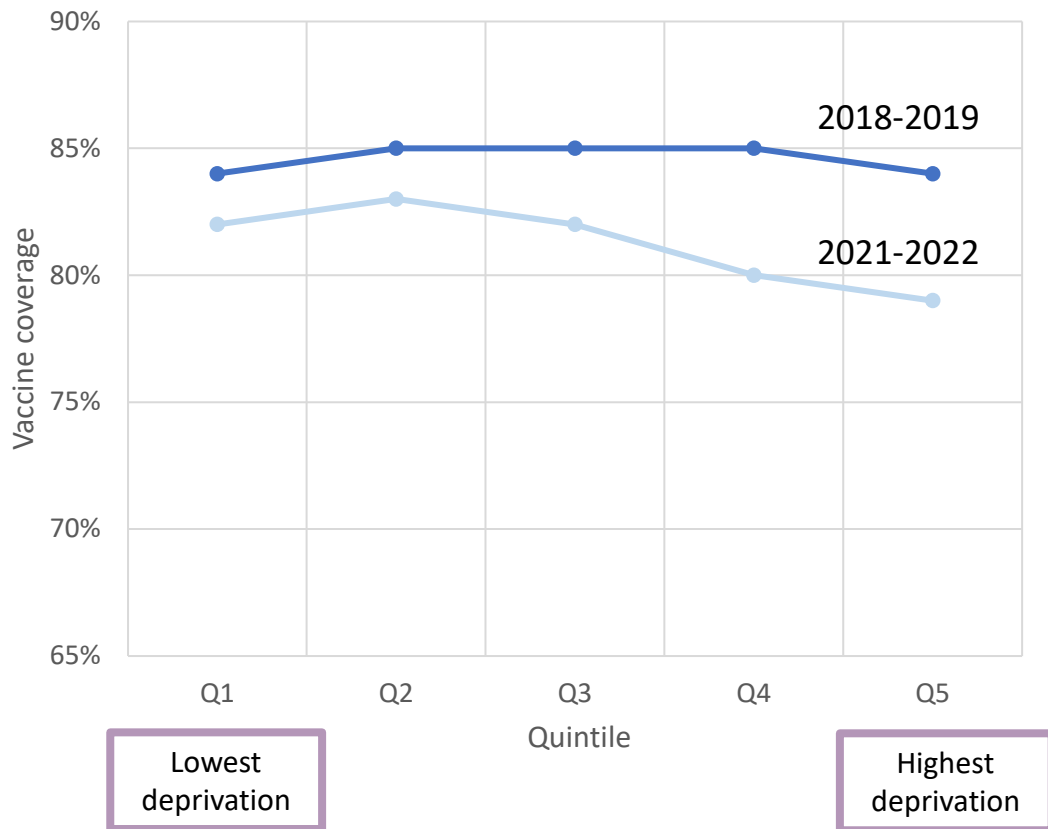
School-based vaccine coverage: Ontario

Immunization coverage for Hep B, HPV, and MCV4 vaccines among 12-year-olds in Ontario

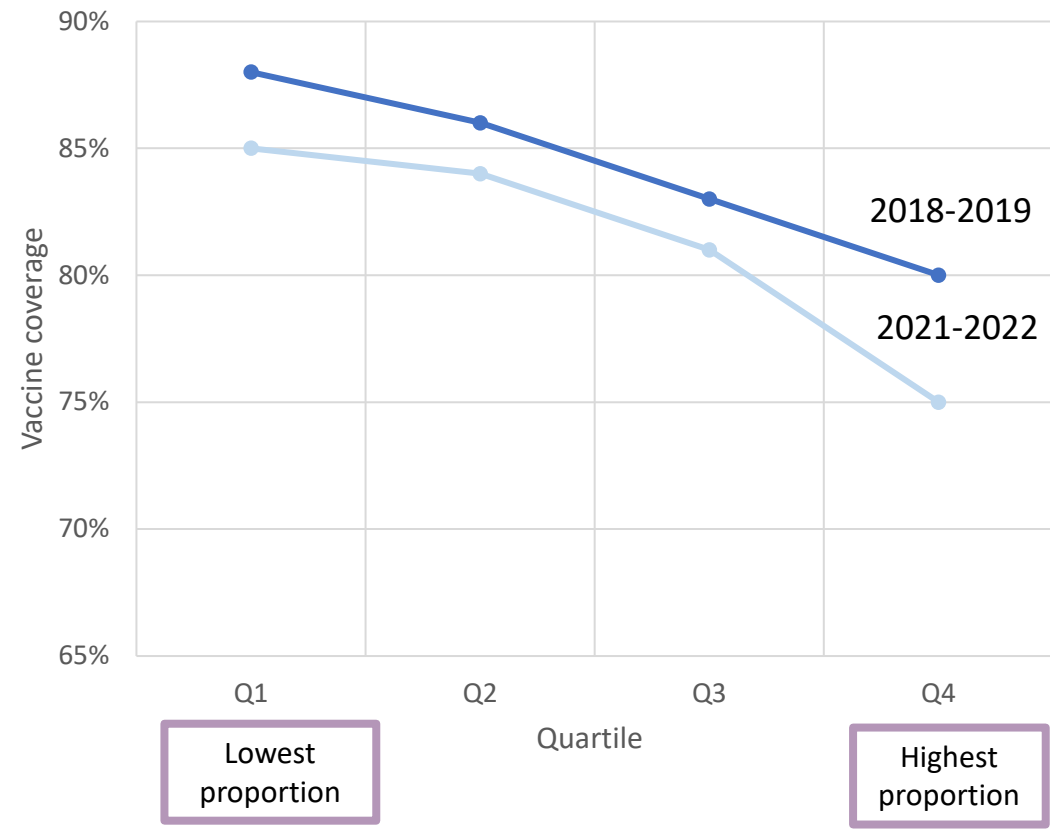


School-based vaccine coverage: Quebec

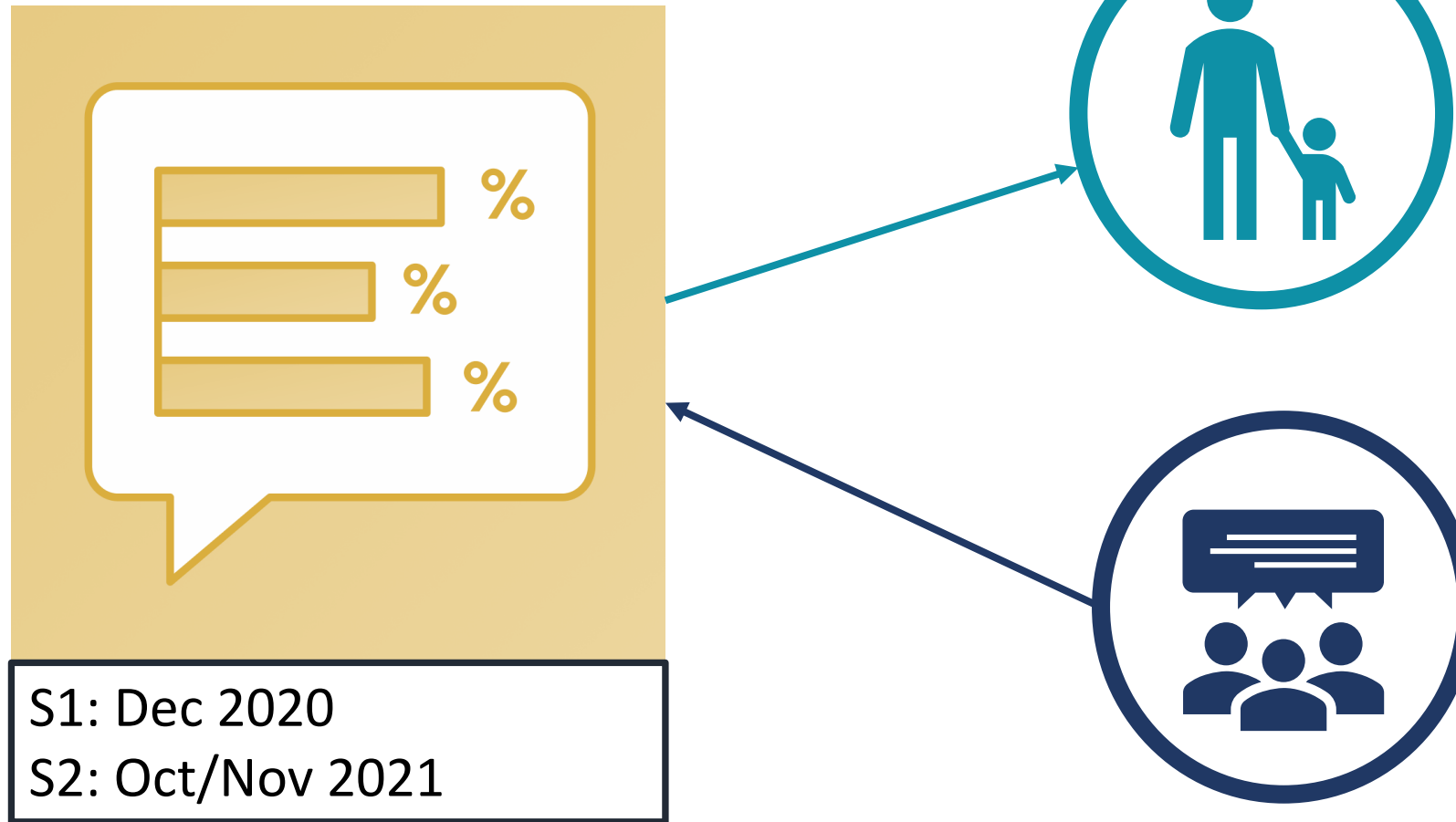
HPV vaccine coverage (≥ 1 dose) by quintiles of the material deprivation index



HPV vaccine coverage (≥ 1 dose) by quartiles of the proportion of immigrants in the dissemination area

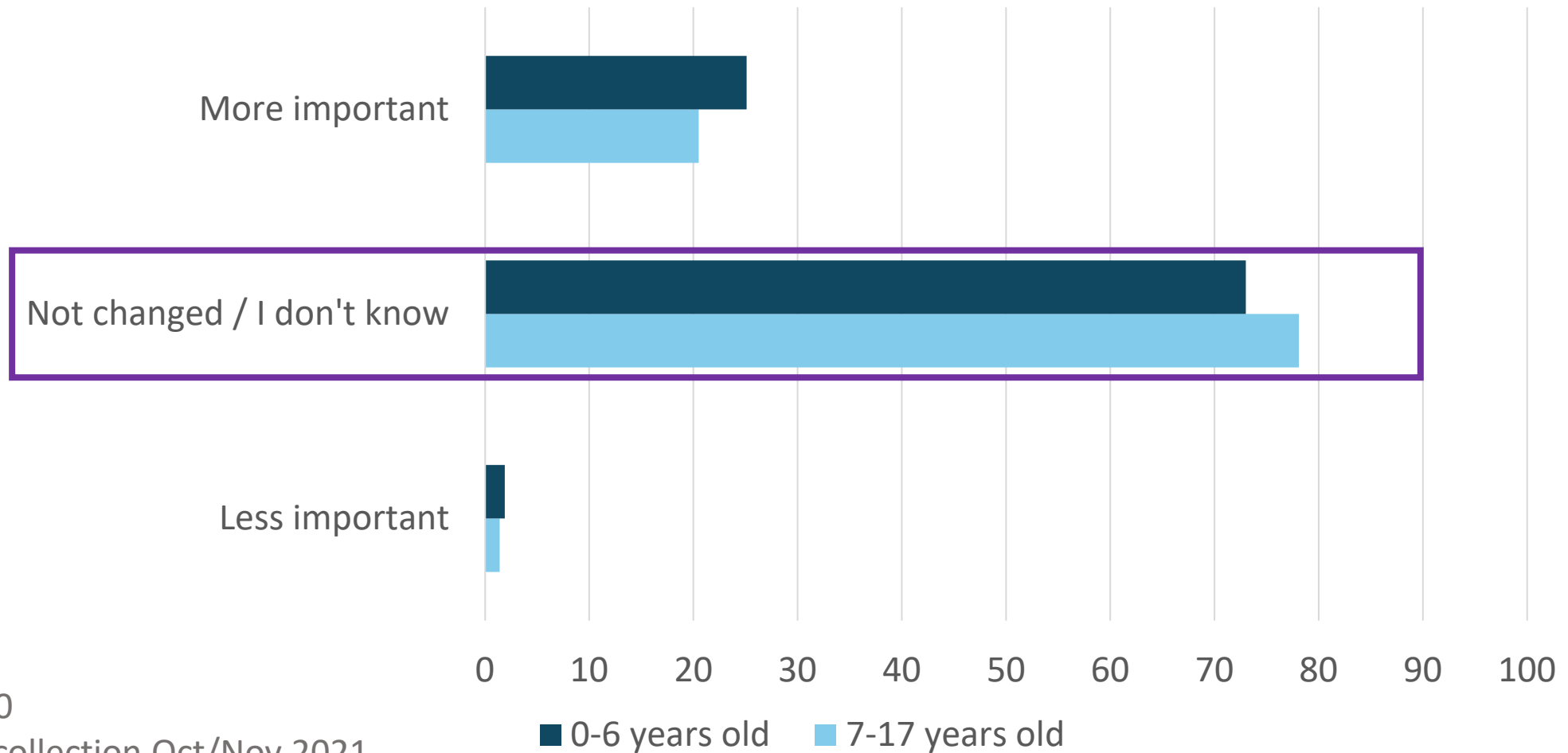


Impact on parental attitudes



Impact on parental attitudes: Canada

How has the pandemic changed the way you think about routine vaccines?

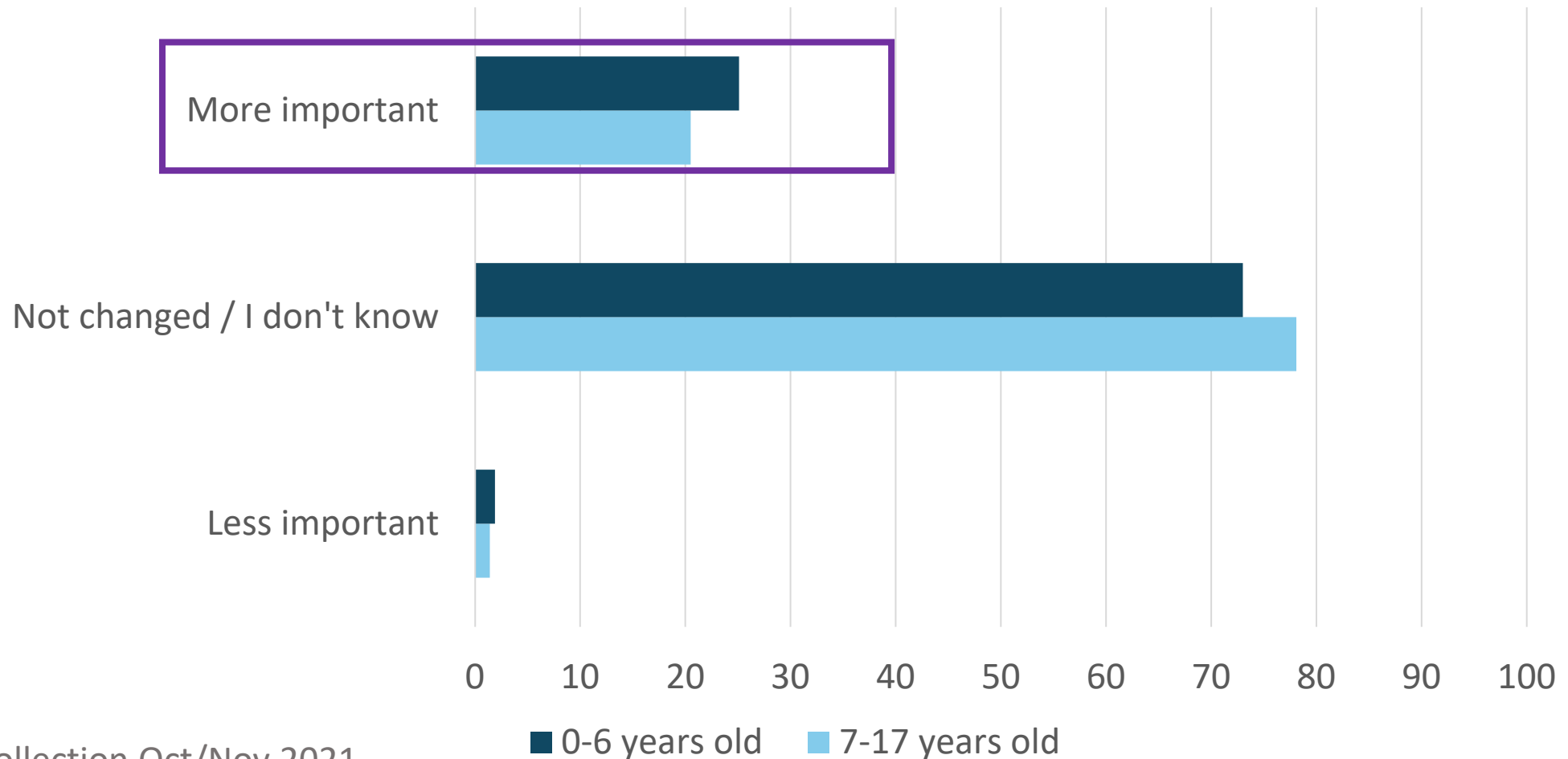


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Data collection Oct/Nov 2021

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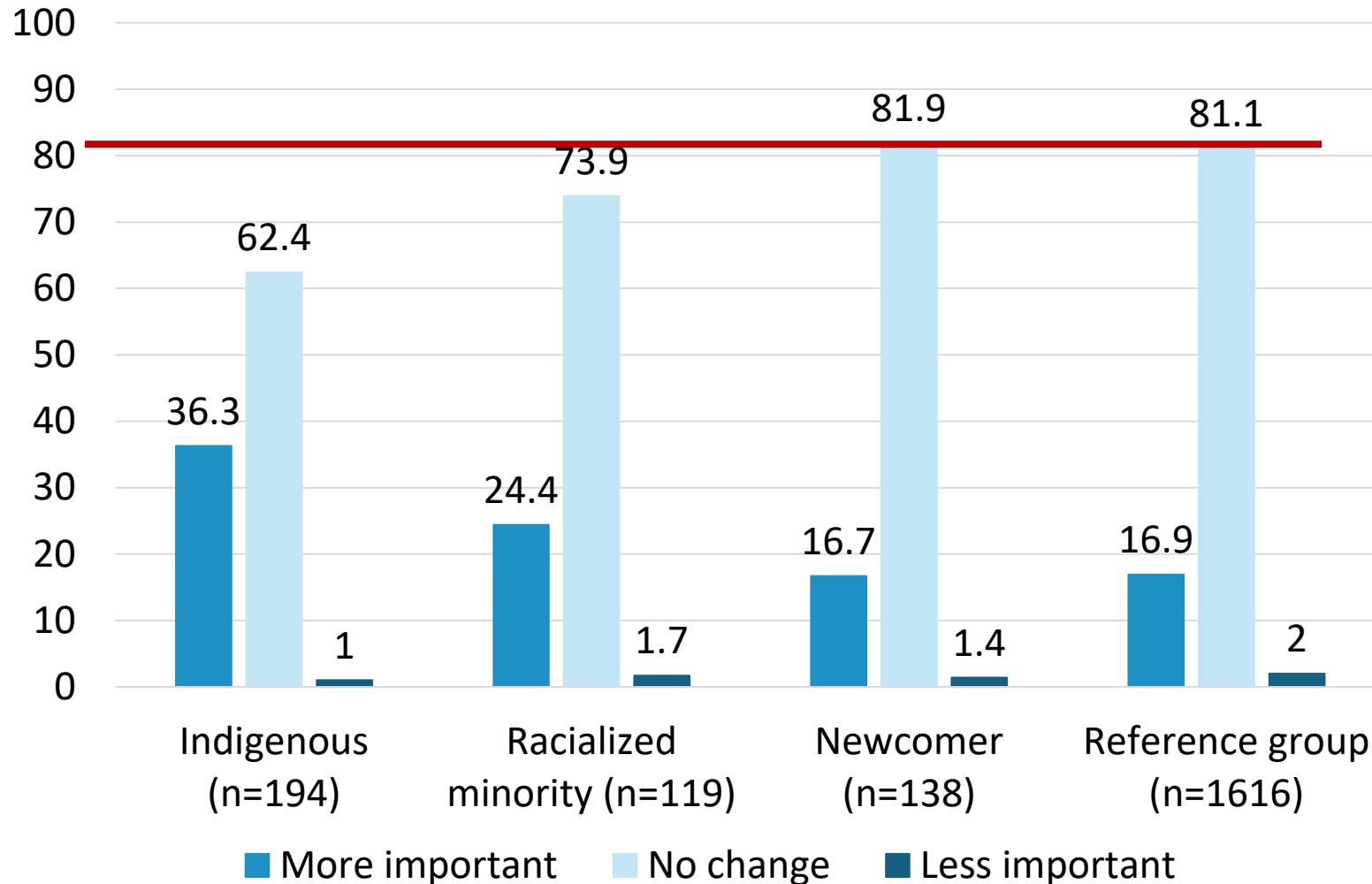


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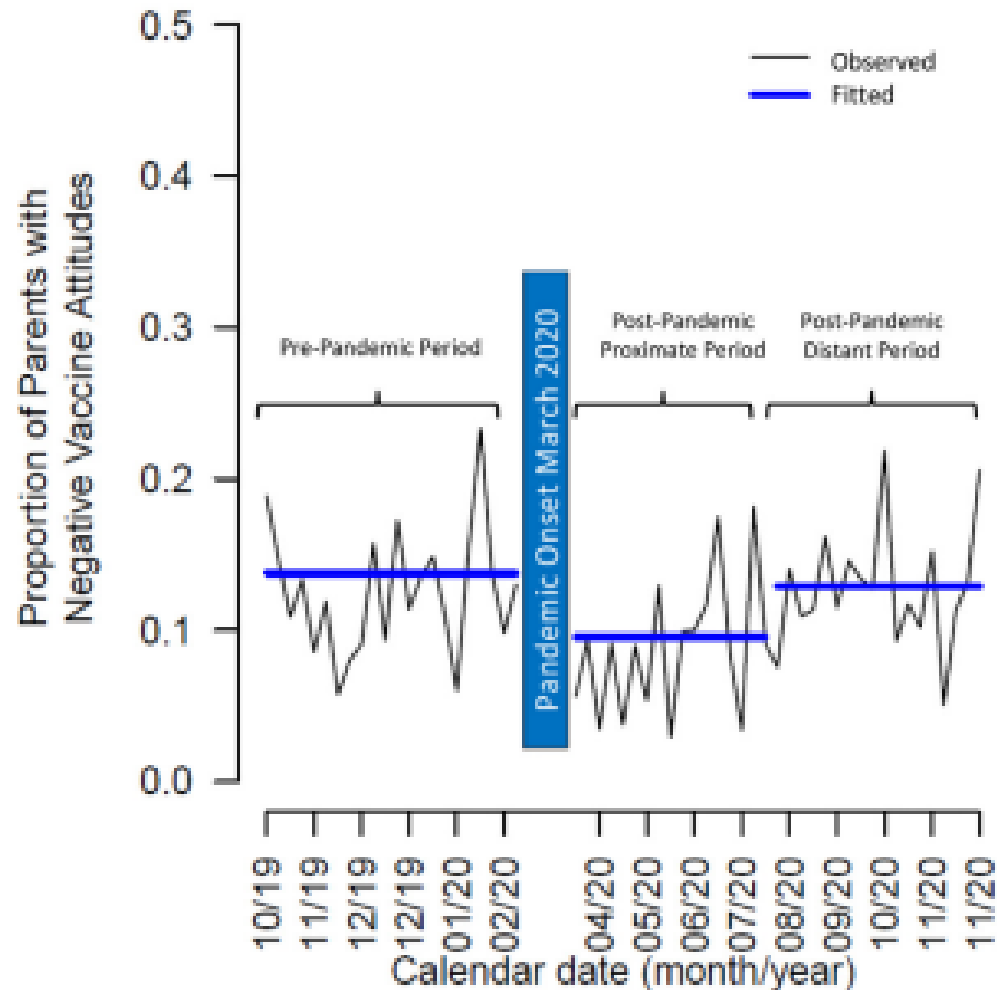
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■ 0-6 years old ■ 7-17 years old

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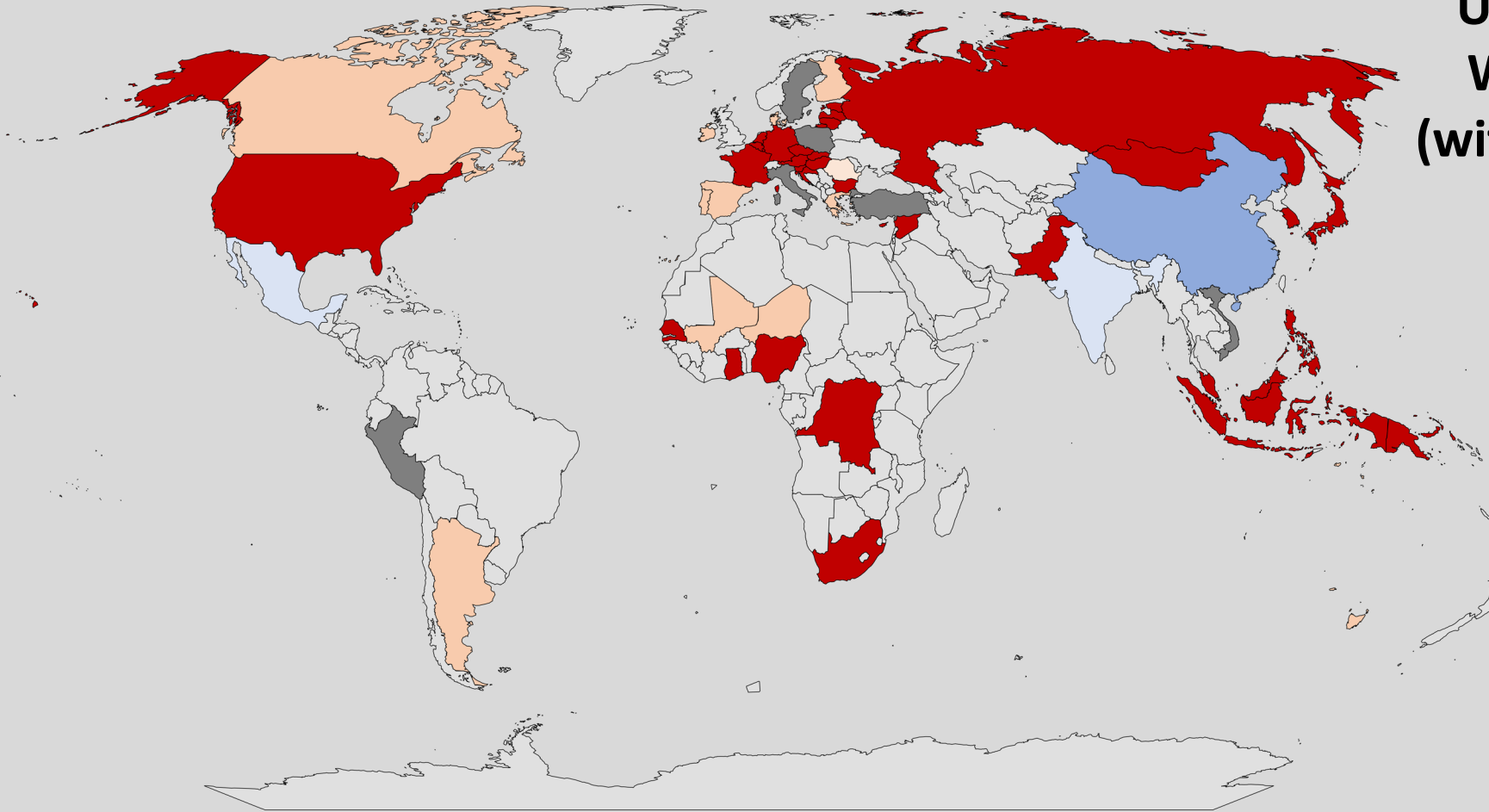


Impact on parental attitudes: USA



- Repeated cross-sectional surveys in Washington and Colorado
- More positive attitudes in early pandemic
- Followed by a return to pre-pandemic

Impact on parental attitudes: Global



UNICEF - THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN, 2023 (with some important caveats)

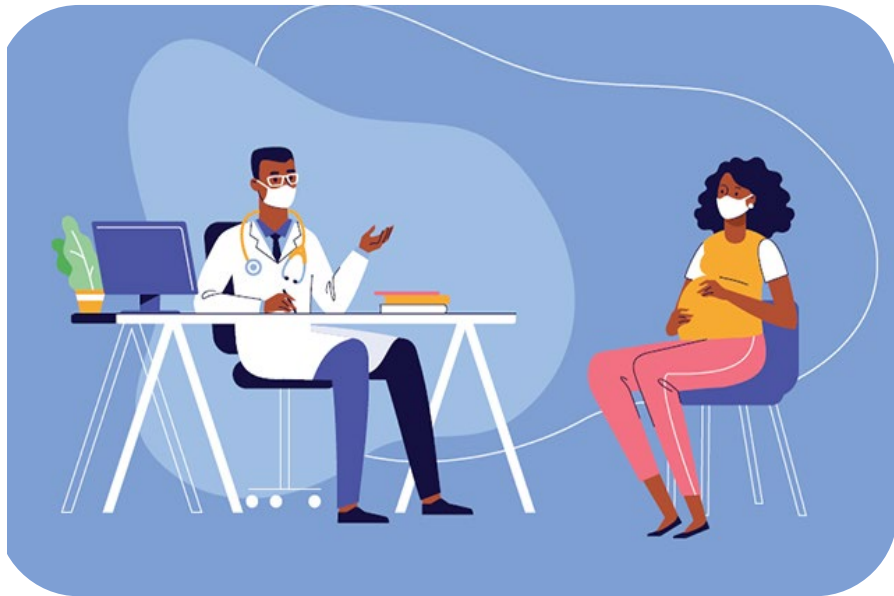
Surveyed “adults”
rather than
“caregivers”
Didn't differentiate
between COVID-19
and routine childhood
vaccines

■ <-10% ■ -5 to -10% ■ 0 to -5% ■ 0 to 5% ■ 5 to 10% ■ no change ■ no data

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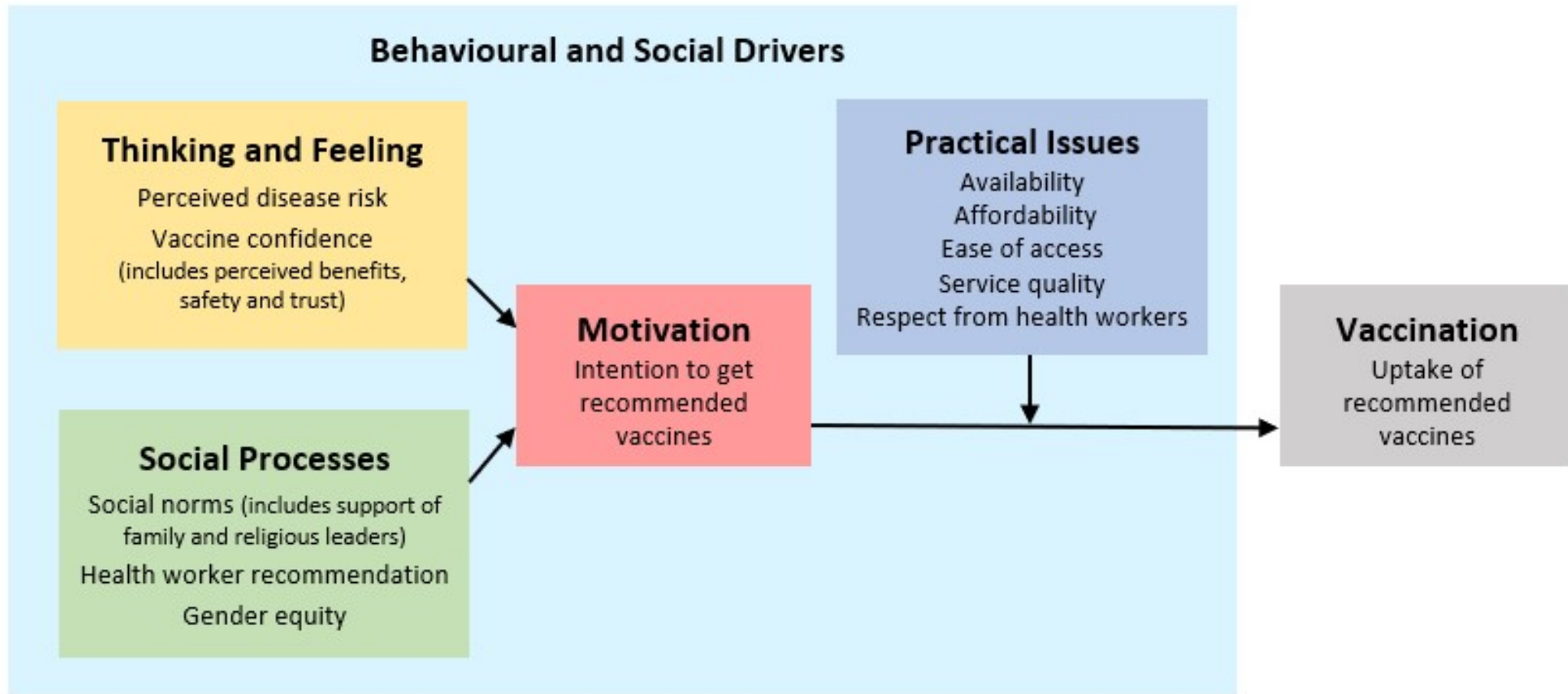
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Building trust & confidence



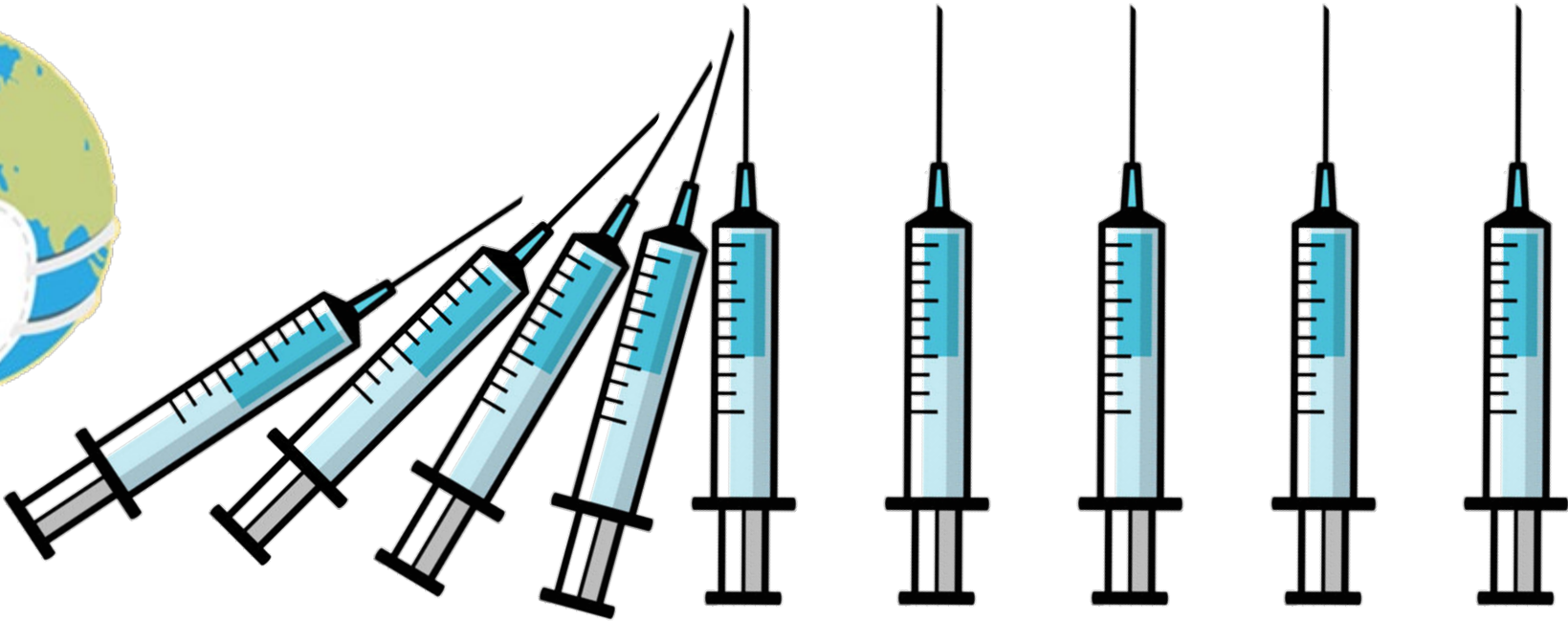
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate educational materials
- Provider training opportunities
- Community engagement

Factors influencing vaccine uptake



World Health Organization. Understanding the behavioral and social drivers of vaccine uptake. WHO position paper-May 2022

Impact on vaccine delivery



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Strategies: Improving access

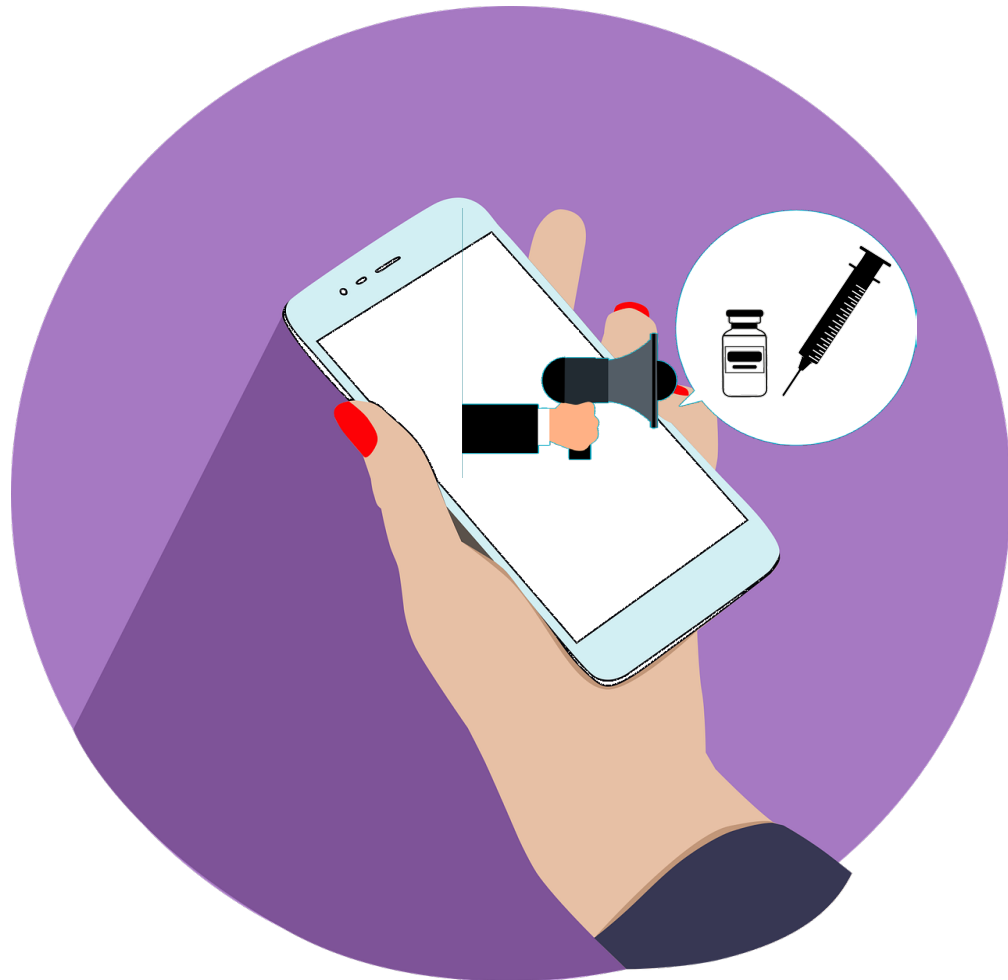


Leverage existing
connections



Develop new
opportunities

Strategies: Digital communication



- Prompts and reminders
- Decision-making tools

Context is critical: Existing delivery systems



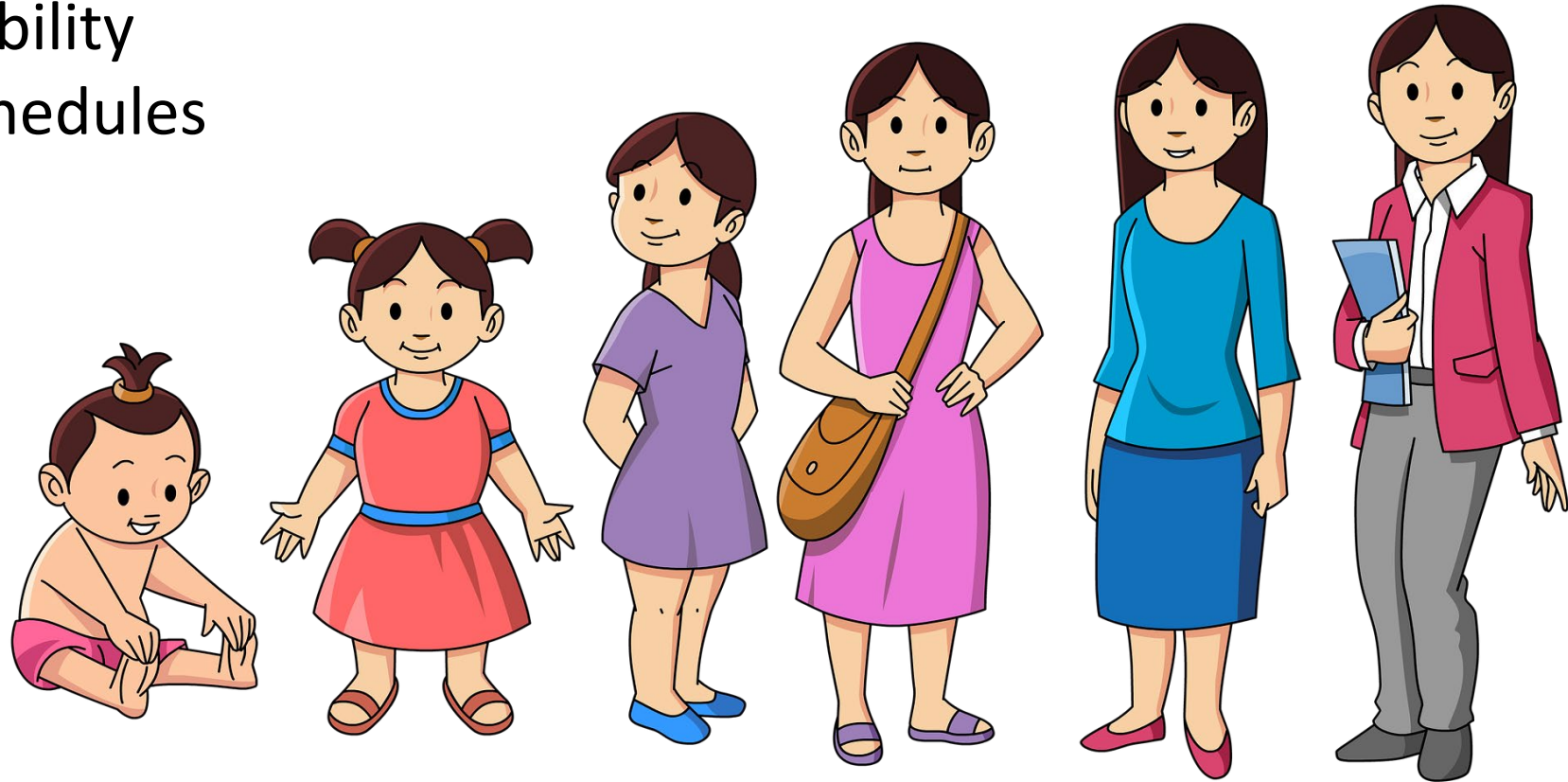
School-aged children:
School-based program



Infant program:
Public Health Centres,
physicians

Context is critical: Publicly-funded eligibility

- Vaccine eligibility
- Changing schedules

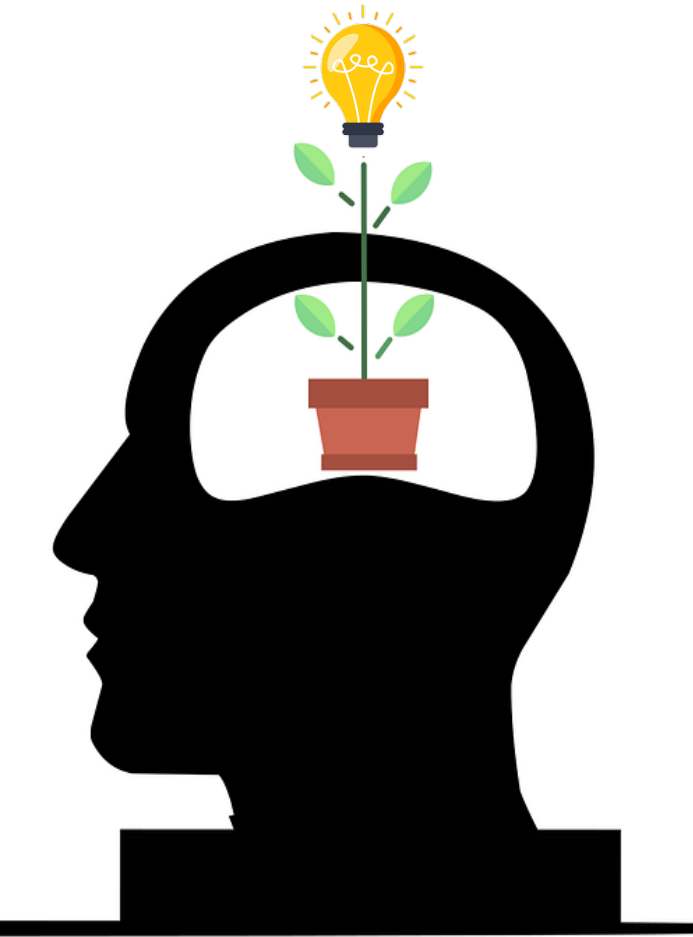
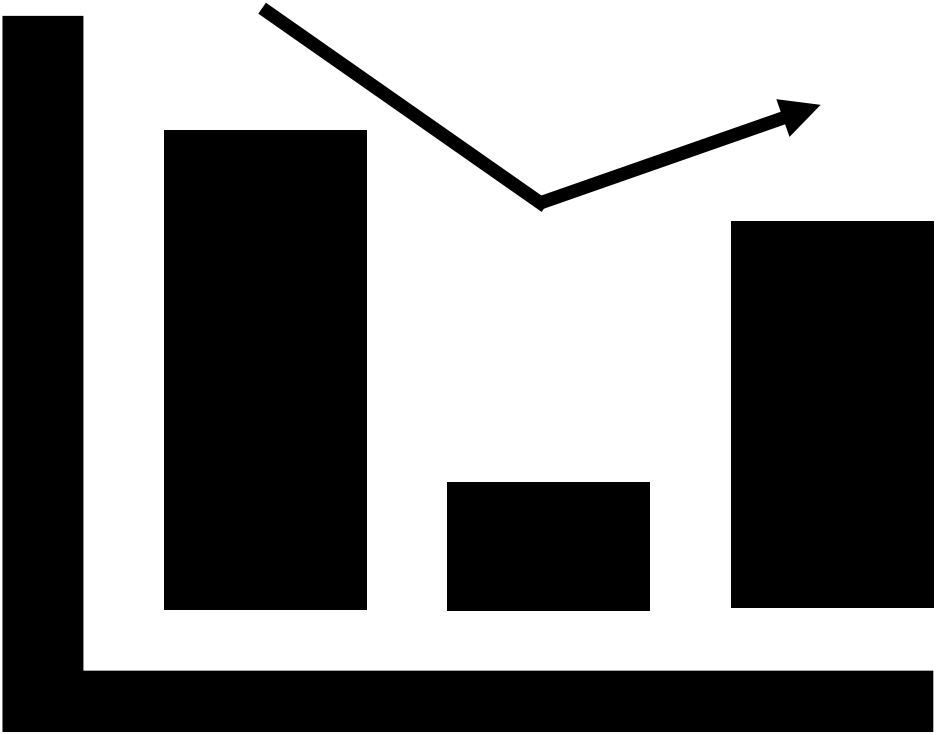


Context is critical: Data systems



- Data system strength
- Information sharing

Conclusion



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