

Take Action to Protect Oklahoma



Oklahoma currently ranks 43rd in the nation for meeting immunization requirements and protecting its children from preventable and deadly diseases. ¹

- An increasing number of parents are opting their children out of important, required immunizations for non-medical reasons.
- The exemption rates for Oklahoma schools have steadily increased in the last five years.
 - From the 2015-16 school year to the 2019-20 school year, total exemptions (including medical and nonmedical) among Oklahoma kindergarteners **increased by over 62%**.
 - Immunization exemption rates were **2.6% for public schools** and around **5.3% for private schools** in 2019-20. ²
- When enough people in a community are protected against a contagious disease, **it's hard for it to spread.** ³
 - The current immunization rate for babies aged 19-35 months is **67.3%** in Oklahoma. ⁴
 - **91%** of Oklahoman kindergarteners are up-to-date for all recommended immunizations. ⁵
- Where does your area fall in terms of kindergarten vaccination coverage and exemption rates? **FIND your county's numbers in this chart.** ----->

PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN VACCINATION COVERAGE RATES BY COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, 2019-2020

COUNTY	UP TO DATE FOR ALL %	EXEMPTIONS %
Adair	94.3	1.4
Alfalfa	81.5	3.1
Atoka	85.1	2.3
Beaver	91.4	0.0
Beckham	93.2	0.7
Blaine	82.5	5.3
Bryan	96.0	1.7
Caddo	94.0	0.6
Canadian	94.5	2.7
Carter	96.1	2.2
Cherokee	95.5	2.4
Choctaw	95.9	1.0
Cimarron	90.0	5.0
Cleveland	93.7	3.9
Coal	95.9	0.0
Comanche	93.2	2.4
Cotton	82.8	1.6
Craig	77.6	2.6
Creek	93.9	4.3
Custer	92.2	0.9
Delaware	90.2	1.7
Dewey	66.7	0.0
Ellis	82.8	1.7
Garfield	97.2	0.8
Garvin	91.5	1.8
Grady	92.7	3.4
Grant	94.1	5.9
Greer	86.3	1.3
Harmon	100.0	0.0
Harper	94.5	0.0
Haskell	96.1	0.8
Hughes	97.2	0.9
Jackson	98.5	0.9
Jefferson	94.9	2.6
Johnston	86.5	0.0
Kay	94.3	0.9
Kingfisher	78.8	1.7
Kiowa	92.0	1.6
Latimer	61.5	1.0
Le Flore	94.9	1.5
Lincoln	85.2	3.8
Logan	78.6	3.2
Love	100.0	0.0
Major	96.7	2.5
Marshall	97.2	2.8
Mayes	92.8	3.4
McClain	94.0	2.7
McCurtain	94.0	0.5
McIntosh	94.9	1.3
Murray	80.9	8.8
Muskogee	92.7	1.1
Noble	88.4	0.0
Nowata	96.0	4.0
Okfuskee	82.1	5.1
Oklahoma	88.5	2.5
Okmulgee	95.6	1.9
Osage	82.4	3.8
Ottawa	91.0	1.2
Pawnee	88.2	4.5
Payne	94.1	4.0
Pittsburg	93.0	2.4
Pontotoc	97.8	1.1
Pottawatomie	95.4	1.7
Pushmataha	99.2	0.0
Roger Mills	91.5	1.7
Rogers	94.8	2.7
Seminole	91.6	0.7
Sequoyah	87.9	3.0
Stephens	95.5	2.5
Texas	96.4	0.3
Tillman	89.5	1.9
Tulsa	89.8	3.4
Wagoner	86.5	4.3
Washington	93.7	2.2
Washita	96.1	1.3
Woods	91.5	0.9
Woodward	95.7	2.8

VACCINES HELP PROTECT YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Emphasize** the safety and effectiveness of vaccines in your conversations with friends, family and colleagues to help clarify common misconceptions.
- **Educate** your community on the importance of vaccinations and receiving them on time.
- **Support** local public health measures to lower the exemption rates across the state.

¹ <https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/2019-annual-report/state-summaries-oklahoma>

² https://www.ok.gov/health/documents/2019_2020_KG_Survey_Short%20Report_Final.pdf

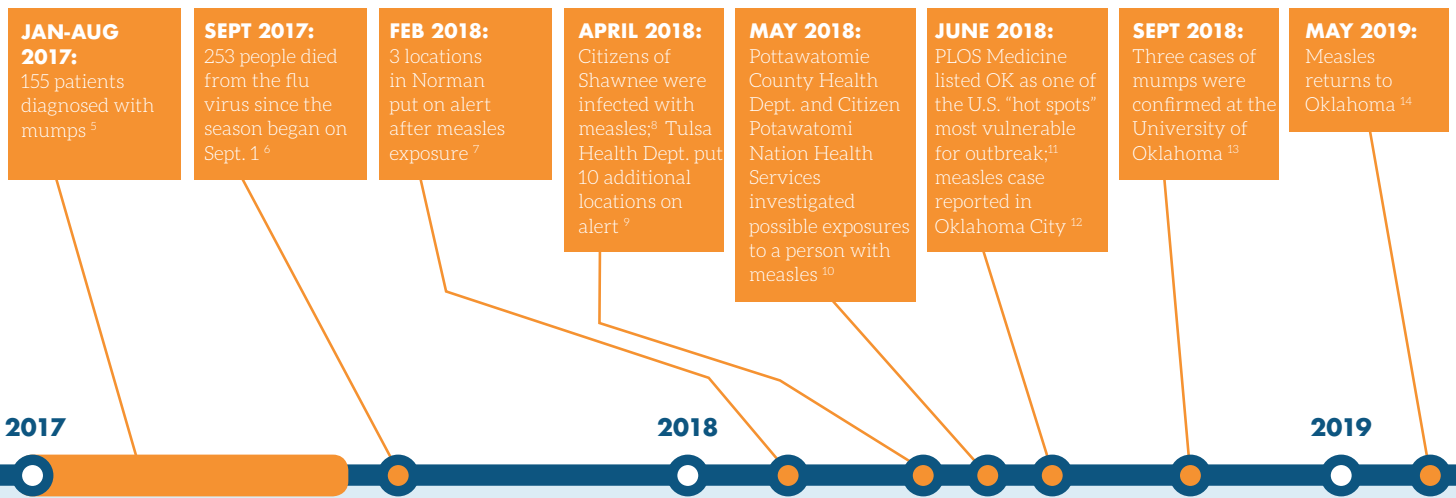
³ <https://magazine.medlineplus.gov/article/what-is-community-immunity>

⁴ <https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/2019-annual-report/state-summaries-oklahoma>

⁵ <https://okfox.com/news/local/91-of-oklahoma-kindergartners-fully-vaccinated>

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OKLAHOMANS ARE INCREASINGLY AT RISK OF VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES

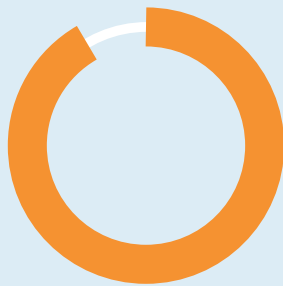


OKLAHOMA CITIZENS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT VACCINATIONS.



90%

believe it is important to receive vaccines on time and according to guidelines



91%

believe vaccines are effective when received as directed



82%

believe the benefits of vaccines outweigh the risks¹⁵

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³ <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/childvaxview/data-reports/7-series/reports/2017.html>

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⁶ www.enidnews.com/oklahoma/news/experts-warn-of-second-flu-outbreak/article_b4d6fa90-c046-5e3c-a6e4-2b24b1d32fe2.html

⁷ <https://www.kxii.com/content/news/Oklahoma-State-Department-of-Health-confirms-measles-case-473837923.html>

⁸ <https://kfor.com/2018/05/07/so-far-more-than-76-people-identified-exposed-to-shawnee-measles-outbreak/>

⁹ https://www.tulsaworld.com/news/health/measles-case-being-investigated-in-tulsa-health-department-alerts-people/article_6a0bd8da-a435-5d8b-95e9-259375cc0109.html

¹⁰ <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/OKSDH/bulletins/1ee9b07>

¹¹ <https://journals.plos.org/plosmedicine/article?id=10.1371/journal.pmed.1002578>

¹² <https://kfor.com/2018/10/17/health-officials-oklahoma-child-diagnosed-with-rare-polio-like-illness/>

¹³ https://www.normantranscript.com/news/osdh-confirms-mumps-cases-at-ou/article_3d41f082-bb5e-11e8-8f08-4323c6c789d6.html

¹⁴ <https://www.koco.com/article/measles-confirmed-in-oklahoma-what-you-need-to-know-about-the-virus/27492957>

¹⁵ Edelman Intelligence Survey Data, November 2018

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