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# Arizona School and Child Care Immunization Requirements and Coverage

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# Learning Objective:

This presentation will address school and child care immunization coverage rates as well as Arizona school immunization requirements.

1. Review the Arizona Statutes, Administrative Code, and how they apply to the Arizona school immunization requirements.
2. Review the IDR data collection process.
3. Look at the current trends in immunizations including coverage rates in Arizona and the United States.

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# Arizona School Immunization Requirements

# Background on Immunization Requirements

- Arizona has two sets of required immunizations - one for [Child Care](#) and one for [Grade School](#) (K-12).
- These requirements are detailed in Statute 15 -871 to 15-874 and A.A.C. R9-6-7.
- Child Care requirements start at 2 months of age through 59 months.
- Grade School requirements start upon enrollment in Kindergarten through 12th grade.



# Legal Mandates Requiring Vaccination to Attend School

- Legal mandates are one of the best ways to maintain vaccine uptake.
- Increase the likelihood that parents with concerns will consult legitimate medical professionals to discuss their hesitations.



# A.R.S. and A.A.C

Laws are detailed in Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) and then put into practice in the Arizona Administrative Code (A.C.C.).

- **A.R.S.** = Laws around immunizations. Gives legal authority to relevant entities to make rules, create guidelines for them, and dictate what you can and can't do.
- **A.A.C.** = Set of rules that all organizations and relevant entities must follow. Reviewed every 5 years.



# Arizona Revised Statute

15-871: Definitions.

**15-872:** Where we derive much of our authority and rulemaking.

- **A.** = Gives authority to ADHS to make rules and standards for documenting and responding to immunizations in schools.
- **B. C. and D.** = Requirements administrators must abide by.
- **E.** = Requirement for a catch-up schedule.
  - **F. and G.** = Minimum standard for records review, mandates checking of records for those who are behind, and requires removal if the period has passed.
- **H.** = Allows for special provisions for homeless pupils. Dictated mostly in the *McKinney - Vento Act*.
- **I.** = *“A school and its employees are immune from civil liability for decisions concerning the admission, readmission and suspension of a pupil that are based on a good faith implementation of the requirements of this article.”*

# Arizona Revised Statute

15-873: Processes for exemptions and how exempt students are treated during an outbreak.

15-874: Records and reporting requirements.

- *A. The records are open to inspection by the department of health services and the local health department .*
- **B.** Lists the minimum information needed on a student immunization record.
- **C.** Mandates schools to send immunization record to parents upon request.
- **D.** Mandates the Immunization Data Report (IDR).

**TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES**  
**CHAPTER 6. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND INFESTATIONS**  
**ARTICLE 7. REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR CHILD CARE OR SCHOOL ENTRY**

Section

- R9-6-701. Definitions
- R9-6-702. Required Immunizations for Child Care or School Entry
  - Table 7.1. Immunization Requirements for Child Care or School Entry
  - Table 7.2. Immunization Schedule for a Child Who Has Not Completed the Vaccine Series Required in Table 7.1 before Entry into a Child Care or School
- R9-6-703. Responsibilities of Individuals and Local Health Agencies for Administering Vaccines
- R9-6-704. Standards for Documentary Proof of Immunization or Immunity
- R9-6-705. Responsibilities of Administrators of Schools, Child Care Administrators, and the Department
- R9-6-706. Exemptions from Immunizations
- R9-6-707. Reporting Requirements
- R9-6-708. Release of Immunization Information

Vaccine Against ↓	Age →	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	19-59 months
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis		DTaP 1	DTaP 2	DTaP 3	---	DTaP 4	---	Documented 4 DTaP
Hepatitis B		Hep B 1	Hep B 2	---	Hep B 3	---	---	Documented 3 Hep B
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b		Hib 1	Hib 2	Hib 3 <sup>1</sup>	---	Hib 3 or 4 <sup>1</sup>	---	Documented 3-4 Hib, as specified in Note 3
Poliomyelitis		Polio 1 <sup>2</sup>	Polio 2 <sup>2</sup>	---	Polio 3 <sup>2</sup>			Documented
Measles, Mumps, Rubella		---	---	---	MMR 1			
Varicella		---	---	---	VAR 1			
Hepatitis A (Maricopa County only)		---	---	---	Hep A 1			

Table 7.1 A

Vaccine Against ↓	Age →	4 - 6 years and attendance in Kindergarten or 1st grade	7 - 10 years	11 years or older
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis		<u>4 to 6 DTP/DTaP<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3 or 4 tetanus-diphtheria containing vaccines<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>3 to 5 tetanus-diphtheria-containing vaccines, including 1 Tdap<sup>2,3</sup></u>
Meningococcal invasive disease		---	---	<u>1 MCV4</u>
Hepatitis B		<u>3 to 4 Hep B<sup>4</sup></u>		<u>2 to 4 Hep B<sup>4,5</sup></u>
Poliomyelitis			<u>3 or 4 Polio<sup>6</sup></u>	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella			<u>2 MMR</u>	
Varicella zoster			<u>1-2 VAR<sup>7</sup></u>	

Table 7.1 B

# Acceptable ADHS Exemption Forms

- A current ADHS form must be used for all exemptions.
- Schools/Child Care centers **cannot** accept any other forms - even from doctor offices.
- Religious Exemption Form
  - Valid only for child care, preschool and Head Start.
- Personal Belief Exemption Form
  - Valid only for K - 12th grade students.
- Medical Exemption Form
  - Valid for all ages.

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Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Religious Beliefs Exemption Form**  
*For Child Care, Preschool, and Head Start Programs ONLY*

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) strongly supports immunization as one of the easiest and most effective tools in preventing diseases that can cause serious illness and even death. ADHS also respects the rights of parents who are raising their child in a religion whose teachings are in opposition to immunization to make the decision not to vaccinate their child.

Place an "X" in the box to the left of the disease(s) listed to exempt your child from the vaccine. Initial and date the box on the right.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Diphtheria (DTaP, Tdap, Td):</b> I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing diphtheria if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: heart failure, muscle weakness, and move parts of the body, breathing problems, coma, and death.	Initials: _____ Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tetanus (DTaP, Tdap, Td):</b> I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, at increased risk of developing tetanus if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: "locking" of the jaw, difficulty of breathing, seizures (jerking and starting), painful tightening of head and neck, and death.	Initials: _____ Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Whooping Cough (DTaP, Tdap):</b> I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing pertussis if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe coughing fits that can cause vomiting and exhaustion, urea (jerking and starting), brain damage, and death.	Initials: _____ Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Polio (IPV):</b> I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, at increased risk of developing polio if exposed to this disease. Serious effects of this disease include: paralysis (can't move parts of the body), infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), permanent disability.	Initials: _____ Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):</b> I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing measles, mumps, rubella if exposed to these diseases. Serious symptoms and effects include pneumonia, seizures (jerking and starting), brain damage, and death symptoms and effects of mumps include: meningitis (infection of the cord covering), painful swelling of the testicles or ovaries, sterility, death. Serious symptoms and effects of rubella include: rash, arthralgia joint pain. If a woman gets rubella while she is pregnant, she could or her baby could be born with serious birth defects such as deafness and brain damage.	Initials: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Beliefs Exemption Form**  
*Kindergarten – 12th Grade Only*

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) strongly supports immunization as one of the easiest and most effective tools in preventing diseases that can cause serious illness and even death. ADHS also respects the rights of parents to decide whether or not to vaccinate their child.

By state law ([A.R.S. §15-873](#)), a child will not be allowed to attend school until either proof of immunization or a completed exemption form is submitted to the school. The information below is provided to ensure that parents are informed about the risks of not vaccinating.

Place an "X" in the box to the left of the disease(s) listed to exempt your child from the vaccine. Initial and date the box on the right.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Diphtheria (DTaP, Tdap, Td):</b> I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing diphtheria if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: heart failure, muscle weakness, and move parts of the body, breathing problems, coma, and death.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tetanus (DTaP, Tdap, Td):</b> I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing tetanus if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: "locking" of the jaw, swallowing and breathing, seizures (jerking and starting), painful/tight in the head and neck, and death.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pertussis (Whooping Cough) (DTaP, Tdap):</b> I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, my child may be at increased risk of developing pertussis if exposed to this disease. Serious symptoms and effects of this disease include: severe coughing fits that can cause vomiting and exhaustion, pneumonia, seizures (jerking and starting), brain damage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Polio (IPV):</b> I have been informed that by not receiving this vaccine, at increased risk of developing polio if exposed to this disease. Serious effects of this disease include: paralysis (can't move parts of the body), infection of the brain and spinal cord covering), permanent disability.
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Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Exemption Form**

Arizona law requires schools, preschools, and child care facilities to retain this form to exempt a child from immunization requirements due to medical reasons.

This is the official ADHS-provided format used by [licensed physicians](#) and [registered nurse practitioners](#) to document that at least one of the two exemption requirements is met:

- Due to the child's health or medical condition, the child may be adversely affected on a temporary or permanent basis by one or more of the required vaccine doses.
- The child has laboratory evidence of immunity to one or more specific vaccine-preventable diseases, and lab results are attached (required for measles, rubella, and varicella). OR the child has a documented medical history of disease, OR laboratory evidence of immunity for diseases other than measles, rubella, and varicella.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by a licensed physician or registered nurse practitioner to exempt a child from school or child care immunization requirements.

Printed Name of Physician or Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Physician or Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list each vaccine included in the exemption and the reason for the exemption:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This is a permanent exemption

This is a temporary exemption ending on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Section:

- I am aware that in the event the state or county health department declares an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease for which I cannot provide proof of immunity for my child, he or she may not be allowed to attend child care and/or school until the risk period ends, which may be 3 weeks or longer.
- I am aware that additional information about vaccine-preventable diseases, vaccines, and reduced or no-cost vaccination services is available from my local county health department and the Arizona Department of Health Services ([www.azdhs.gov/dhs/immunization](http://www.azdhs.gov/dhs/immunization)).

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

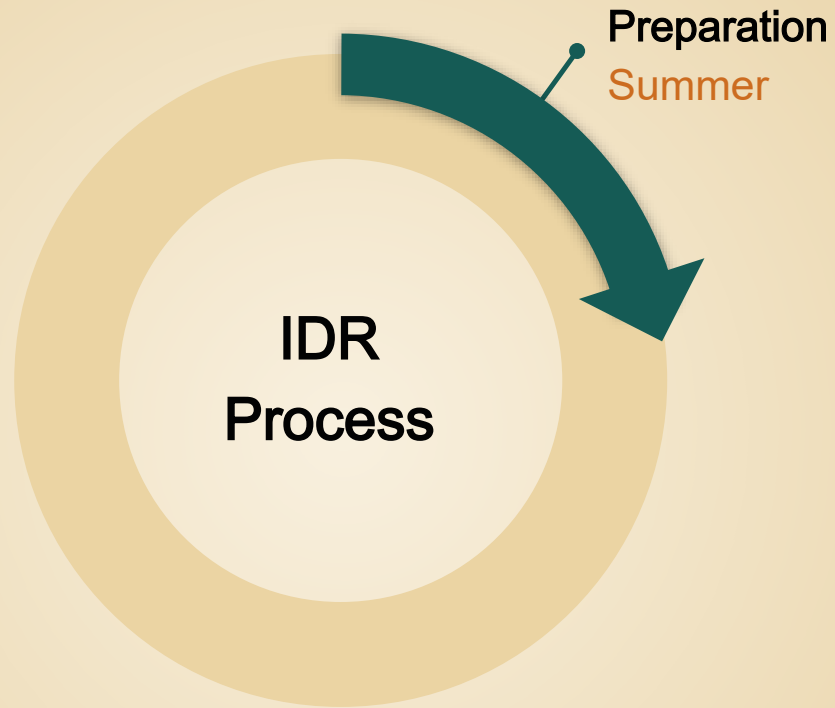
Arizona Revised Statutes [§15-873](#) and Arizona Administrative Codes [§9-5-305](#) and [§9-6-706](#) describe the requirements for medical exemptions in childcare and school settings.

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# IDR Process



## Child Care, Preschool, Head Start Vaccines: Requirements by Age

### 2-3 months

- 1 HepB
- 1 DTaP
- 1 Hib
- 1 Polio

### 4-5 months

- 2 HepB
- 2 DTaP
- 2 Hib
- 2 Polio

### 6-11 months

- 2 HepB\*
- 3 DTaP
- 2-3 Hib
- 2 Polio

\*Note - May have dose 3 of HepB as early as 6 months

### 12-14 months

- 3 HepB\*
- 3 DTaP
- 2-3 Hib\*
- 3 Polio
- 1 MMR
- 1 VAR
- 1 HepA\*

\*Notes: HepB final doses must be given at 24 weeks of age or older; Hib dose at/after 12 months is required for those under 5 years; HepA 2 dose series required in Maricopa Co. only for children 1-5 years of age

### 15-59 months

- 3 HepB\*
- 4 DTaP
- 3-4 Hib\*
- 3 Polio
- 1 MMR
- 1 VAR
- 1-2 HepA\*

\*Notes: HepB final doses must be given at 24 weeks of age or older; Hib 3-4 doses OR 1 dose at/after 15 months; HepA 2 dose series required in Maricopa Co. only; 2nd dose with a minimum interval of 6 months after dose 1

DTaP = diphtheria toxoid, tetanus toxoid, and acellular pertussis vaccine  
Hib = Haemophilus influenzae, type B vaccine  
HepA = hepatitis A vaccine  
HepB = hepatitis B vaccine  
Polio = inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) (oral polio vaccine [OPV] does not count  
MMR = measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine  
VAR = Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine

## Vaccines Required for School Entry (K-12)

# THEY'RE AS EASY AS 5-4-3-2-1

### 5 DTaP - 5 DOSES

EXCEPTION - IF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DOSE IS GIVEN AFTER 4 YEARS OF AGE, THEY ARE COMPLETE.

\*All students 11 years of age and older are required to have a Tdap booster and an additional dose of Tdap if booster dose is given before 11 years of age and/or 5 years have elapsed.

### 4 POLIO - 4 DOSES

4<sup>TH</sup> DOSE GIVEN AFTER THE 4<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.

\*If the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was given AFTER the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, they are complete.

### 3 HEPATITIS B - 3 DOSES

3<sup>RD</sup> DOSE GIVEN AFTER 6 MONTHS OF AGE.

### 2 MMR - 2 DOSES

1<sup>ST</sup> DOSE MUST BE GIVEN AFTER 12 MONTHS OF AGE. 2<sup>ND</sup> DOSE IS VALID IF GIVEN AT LEAST 4 WEEKS AFTER INITIAL DOSE.

### HIB - 1 DOSE

AT LEAST 1 DOSE MUST BE GIVEN AFTER 15 MONTHS OF AGE.

### VARICELLA - 1 DOSE

IF THE CHILD HAS HAD THE DISEASE, MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION OF DISEASE IS REQUIRED.

\*Highly advised all children have 2 doses.

### MenACWY - 1 DOSE

FOR ALL CHILDREN 11 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.



# Updates Made to the 2025 - 2026 IDR

1. How to request to add a school - REDCap
2. Language and wording of questions - especially 6th grade Tdap and menacwy
3. Offered webinar training session

## TDAP

Please make sure each student is only counted once. Students who are under 12 years of age and received the complete DTaP/Td series by 4-5 years old but have not yet received Tdap will most likely be counted in Question 6

**School Immunization Reporting (IDR) 101 Webinar**  
Hosted by Bureau of Immunization Services (BIZS)

Join us for a **step-by-step tutorial** designed for school health staff and administrators on how to submit the annual IDR that is due by 11/15.

**Topics Covered:**

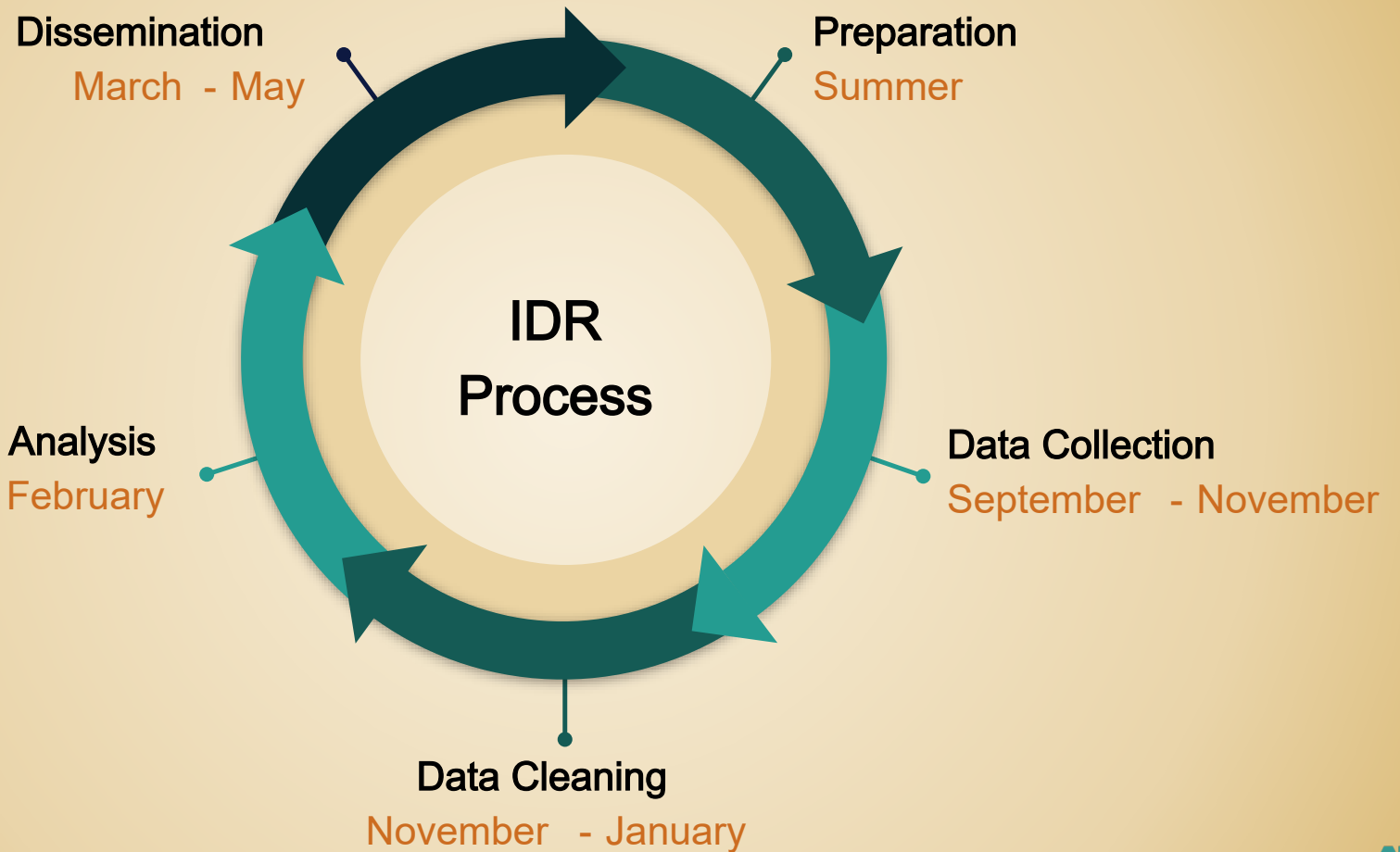
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- How to Fill Out IDR
- Tips & Tricks
- FAQs and Resources

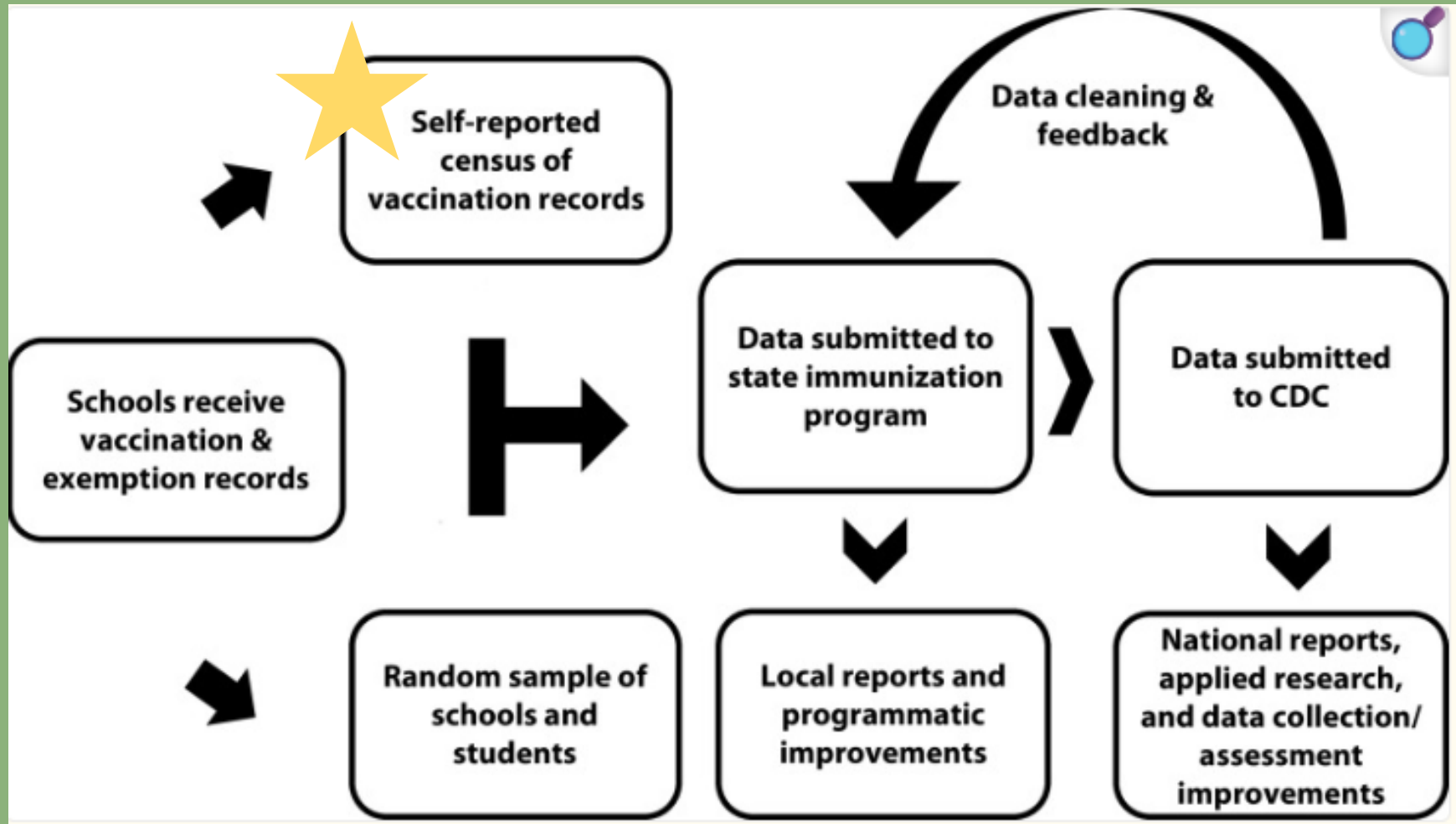
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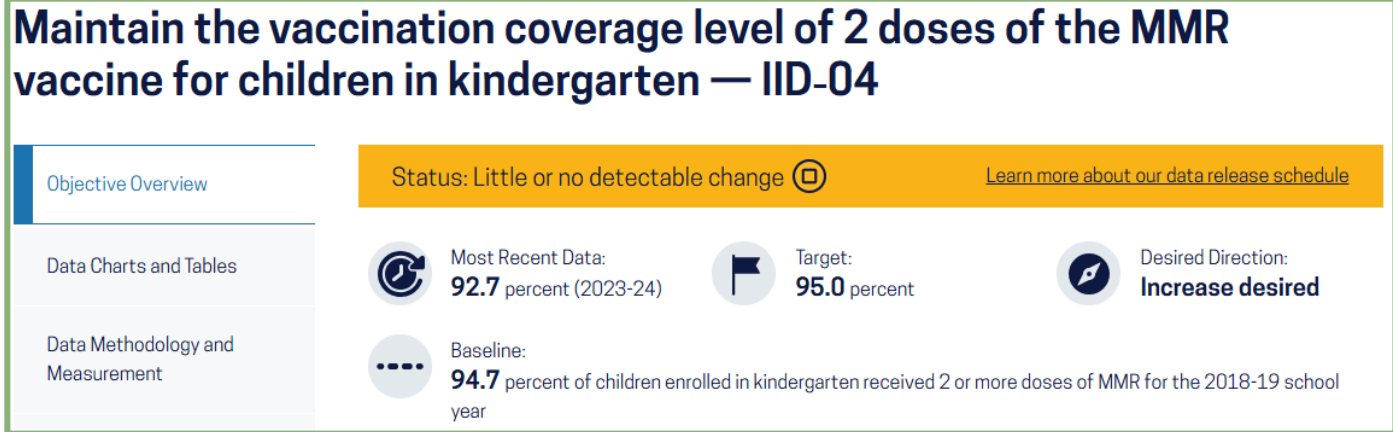
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# Why is the IDR Important?

- One of the main factors in determining state and local health department activities in regards to immunizations.
- Helps identify pockets of under-vaccinated students and supports additional measures to assess community vulnerability.
- School coverage rates are publicly available - may be an important factor for some families when considering enrollment.



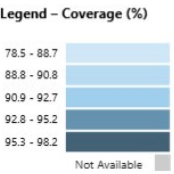
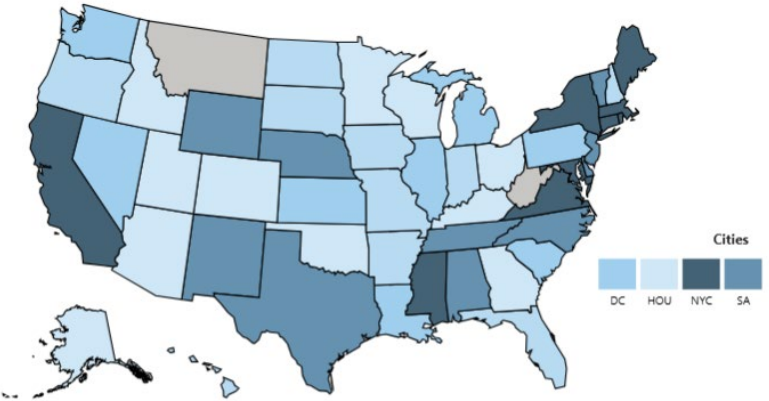
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# 2024 - 2025 National School Immunization Data

# What is the Current Status of Vaccine Uptake in the U.S?

## 2024 - 2025 Kinder MMR Coverage

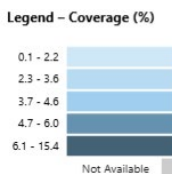
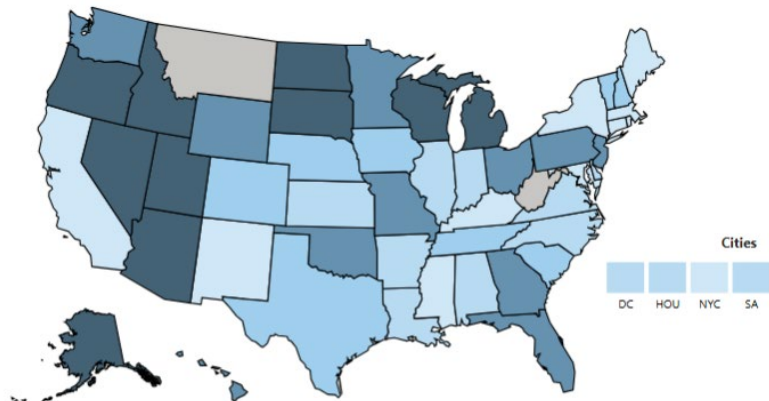
MMR Vaccination Coverage among Kindergartners by School Year



City & Territory Abbreviations ?

## 2024 - 2025 Kinder Exemptions

Percentage of Kindergartners with Any Exemption, by School Year



City & Territory Abbreviations ?

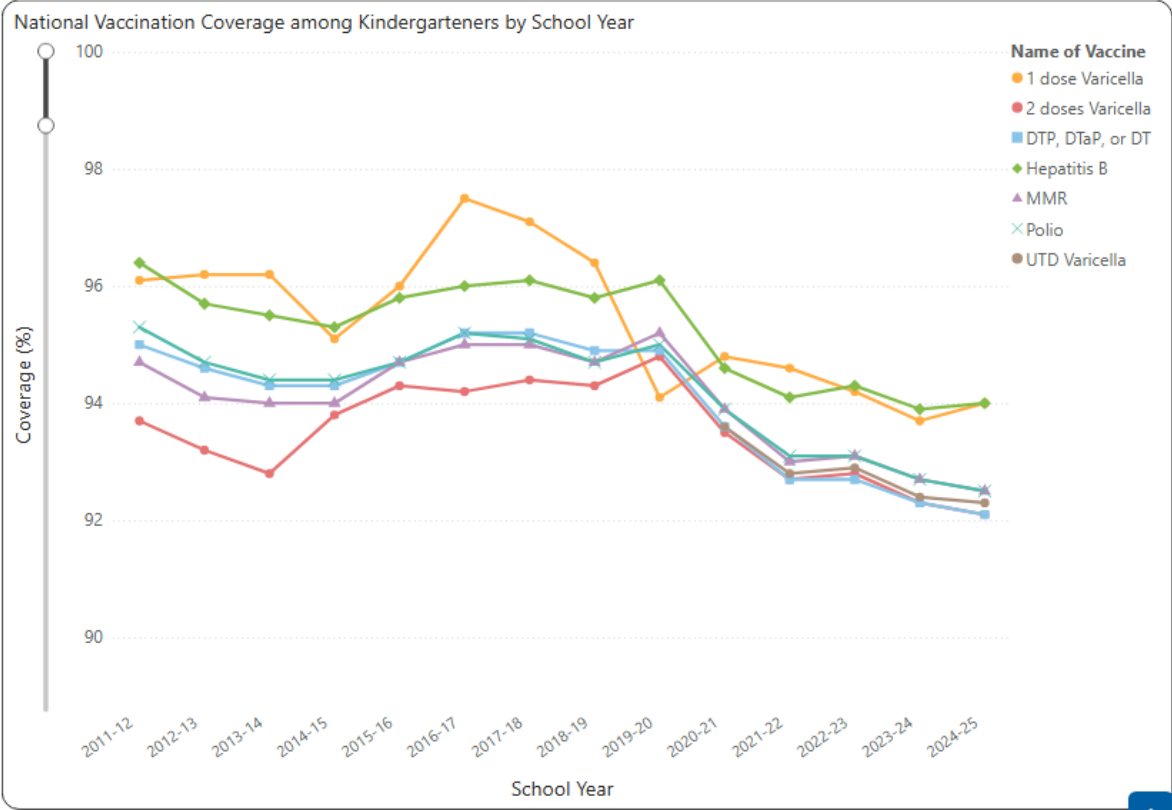


# New Findings on Vaccination Coverage and Exemptions Among Kindergartners (2024 - 2025 School Year)

- Nationally:
  - Vaccine coverage decreased for all reported vaccines.
  - 286,000 kindergartners attended school without documentation.
  - Exemptions increased from 3.3% in 2023-2024, to 3.6%.
- Arizona:
  - Ranked 41 out of 49 reported jurisdictions for MMR coverage rate (88.6%).
    - Nat. estimate 92.5%
  - Ranked 5 out of 49 reported jurisdictions for exemptions from one or more vaccines (9.1%).
    - Nat. estimate 3.6%

# National Coverage Rates for Kindergarten, 2011

- 2025

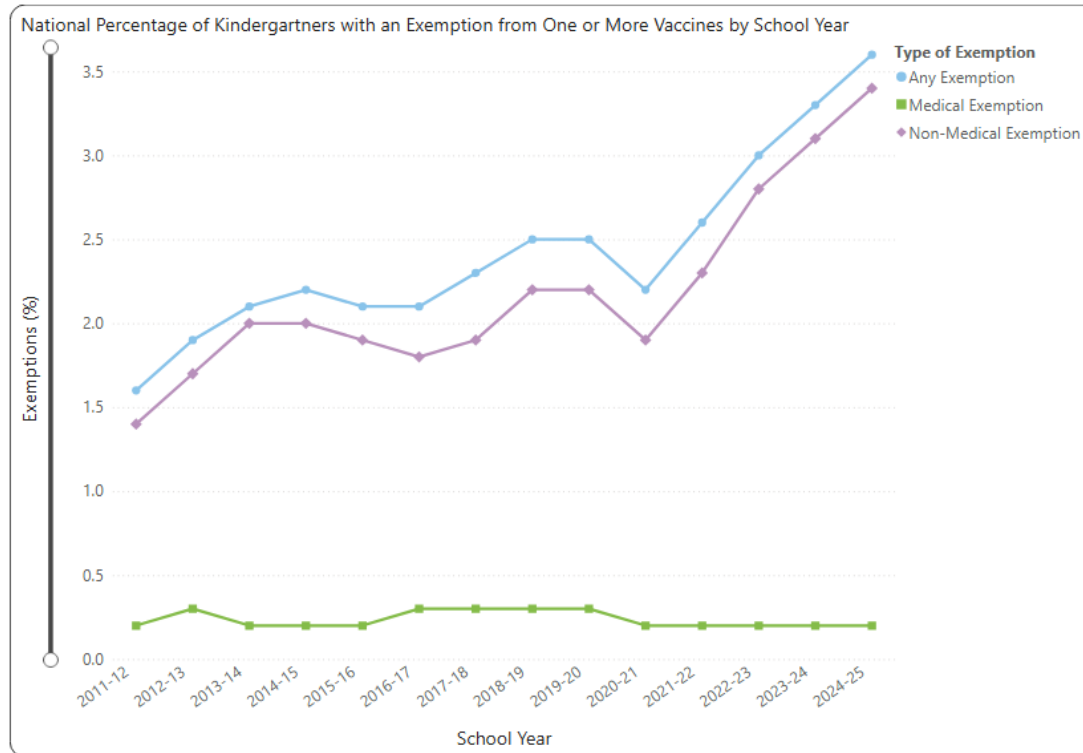


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# National Exemption Rates for Kindergarten, 2011 for One or More Vaccines

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# 2025 - 2026 School Immunization Data

# What Authority Does ADHS Have to Collect and Evaluate Immunization Data?

- ADHS has a cooperative agreement with the CDC which requires states who receive funding to provide IDR data. We have a responsibility to collect IDR data from schools on a yearly basis.
- Arizona laws governing public health guide us in these matters.

See the [Arizona Immunization Handbook](#), revised July 2025, for more information.

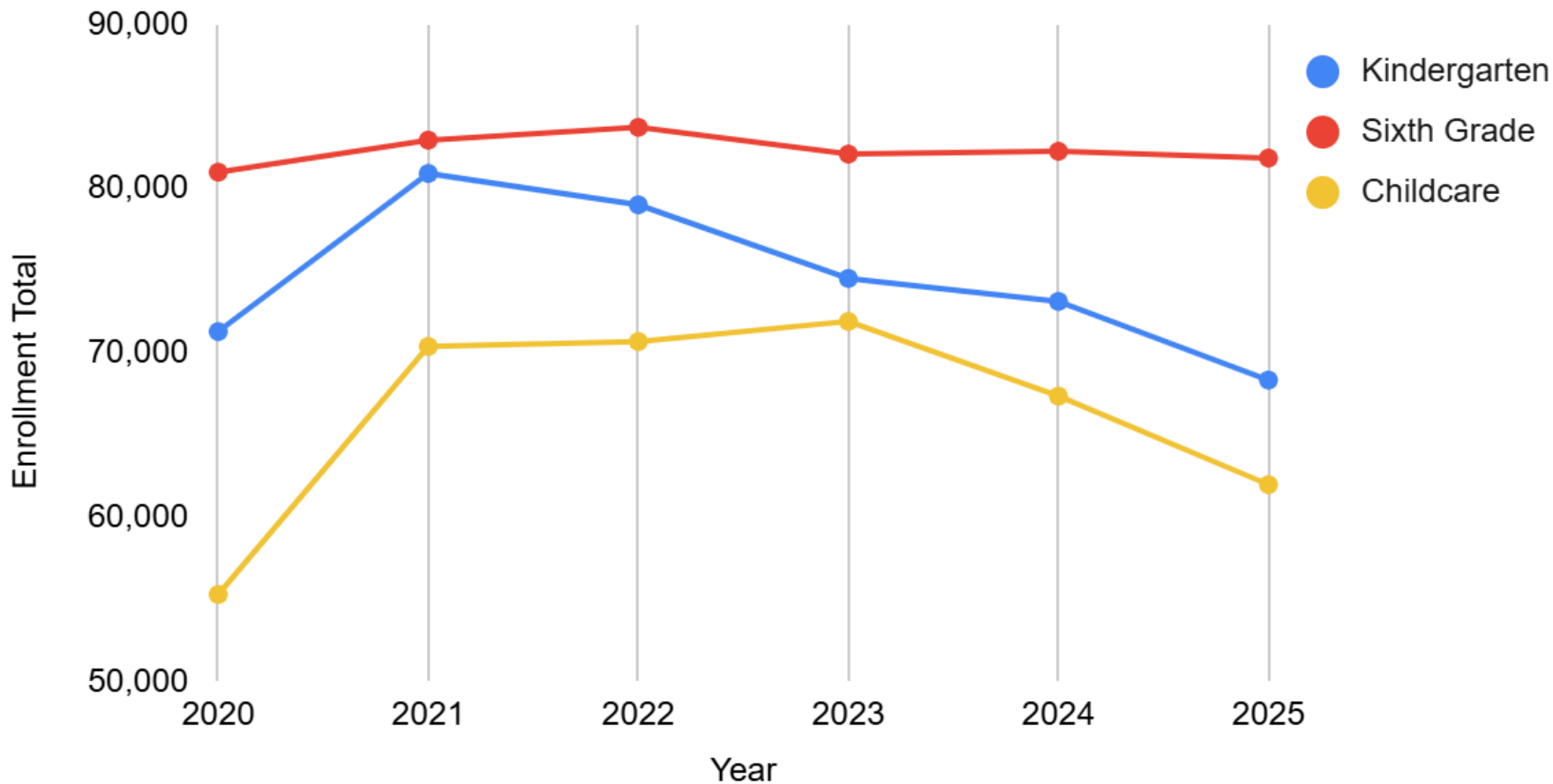


# Schools with <11 Students

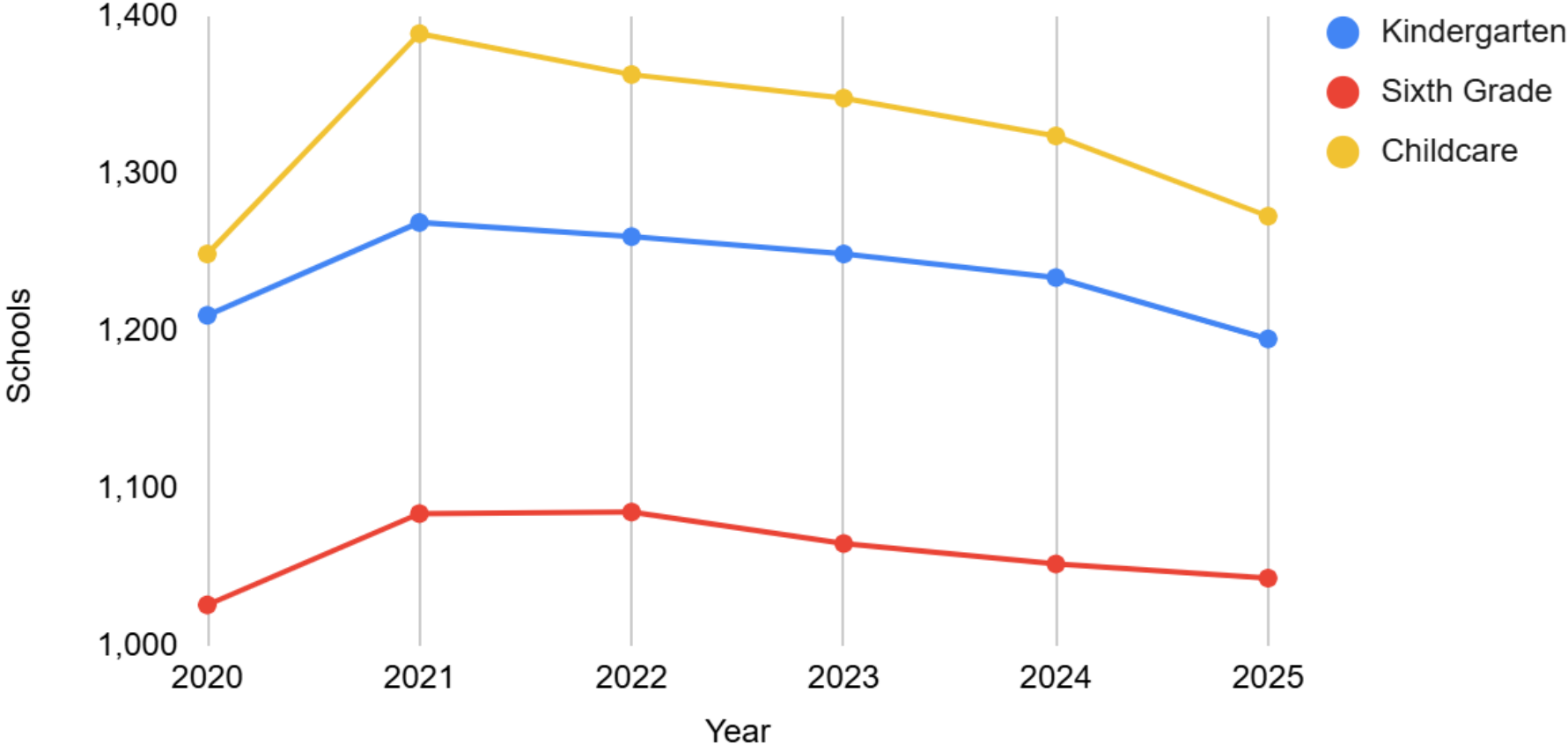
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- Sixth Grade - 143



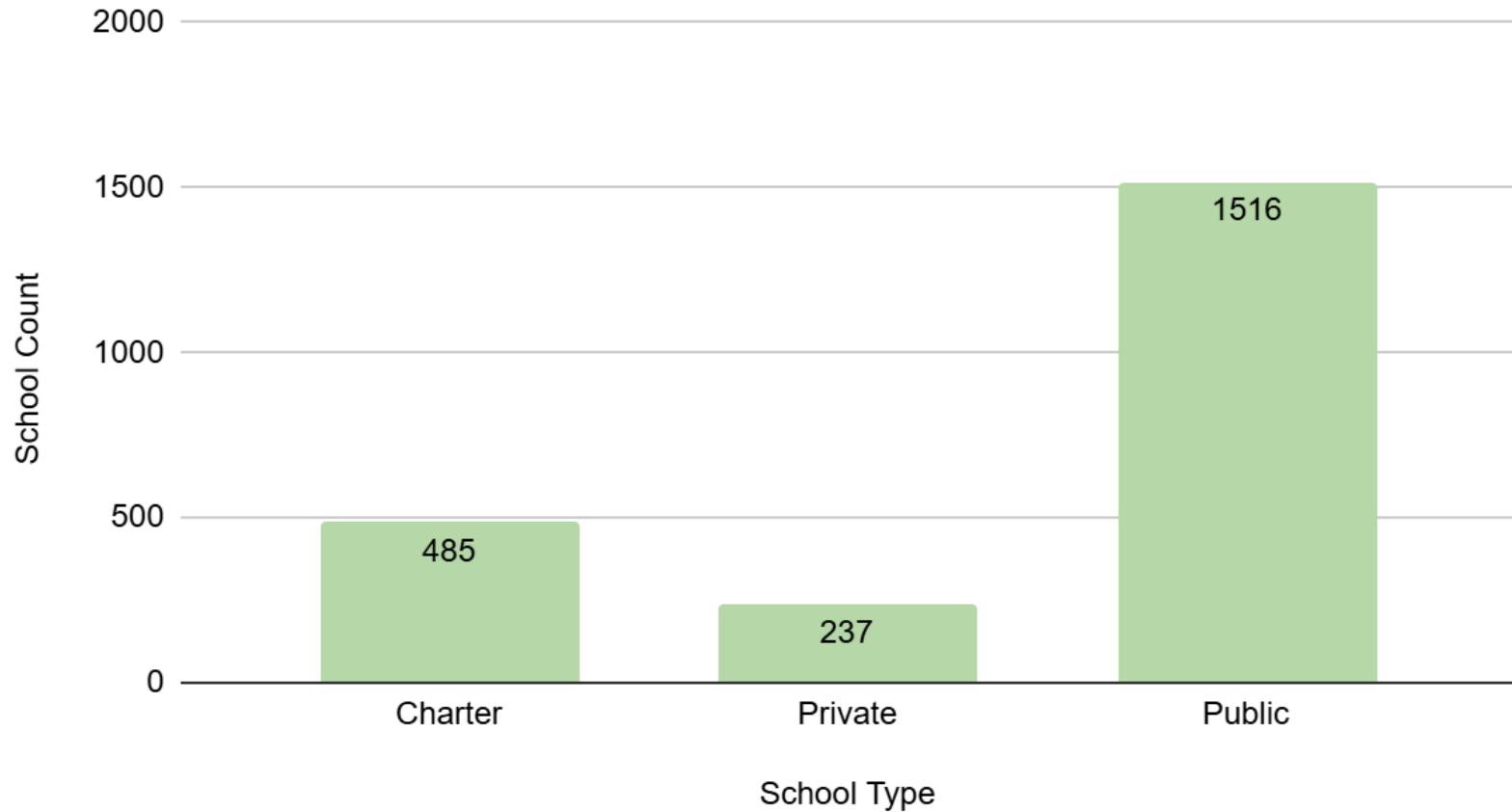
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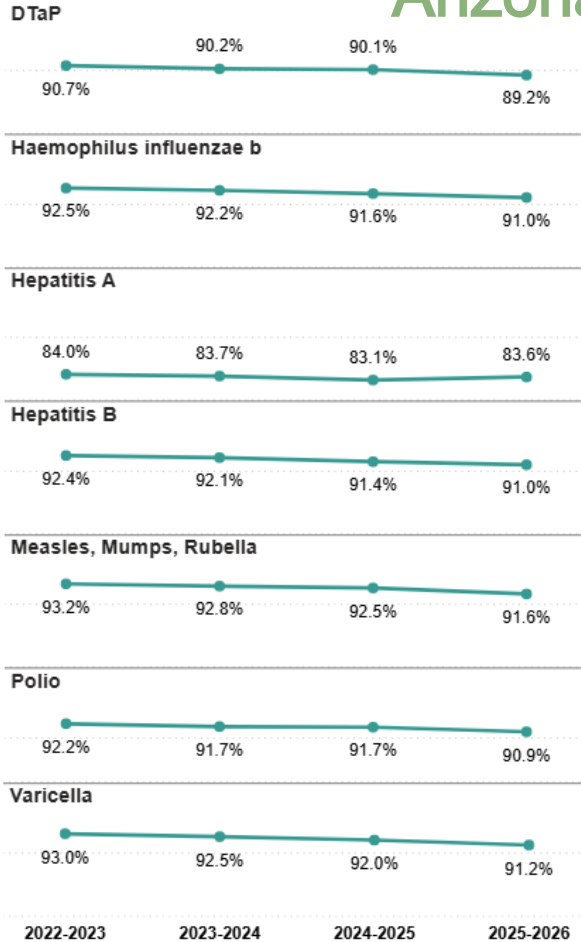
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# Number of Schools by School Type



# Arizona Immunization Coverage Rates - Child Care, 2022 - 2025

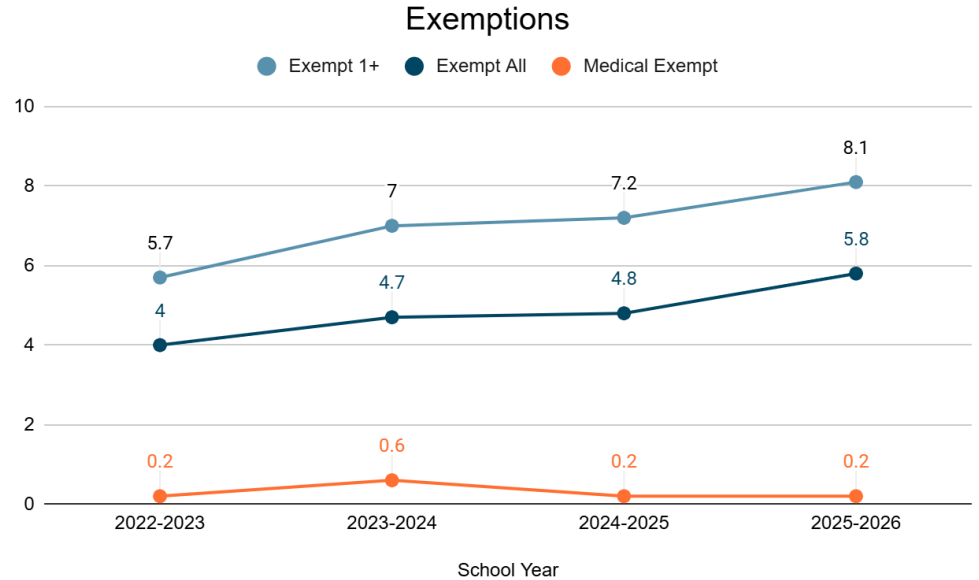


Childcare			
	2024	2025	% Change 24-25
Students Enrolled	67,392	61,994	-8.01%
4+ DTaP	89.9%	89.1%	-0.8%
3+ Polio	91.5%	90.9%	-0.6%
1+ MMR	92.4%	91.5%	-0.9%
3+ HIB	91.6%	90.9%	-0.7%
2+ Hep A**	83.7%	84.1%	+0.4%
3+ Hep B	91.4%	90.7%	-0.7%
1+ Varicella	92.0%	91.1%	-0.9%

# Arizona Religious Belief Exemption Rates Child Care, 2022 - 2025

## Childcare

	2024	2025	% Change 24-25
Religious Exempt One	7.2%	8.1%	+0.9%
Religious Exempt All	4.8%	5.8%	+1.0%
Medical Exempt	0.2%	0.3%	+0.1%



# Arizona Immunization Coverage Rates Kindergarten, 2022 - 2025

DTaP



Hepatitis B



Measles, Mumps, Rubella



Polio



Varicella



2022-2023

2023-2024

2024-2025

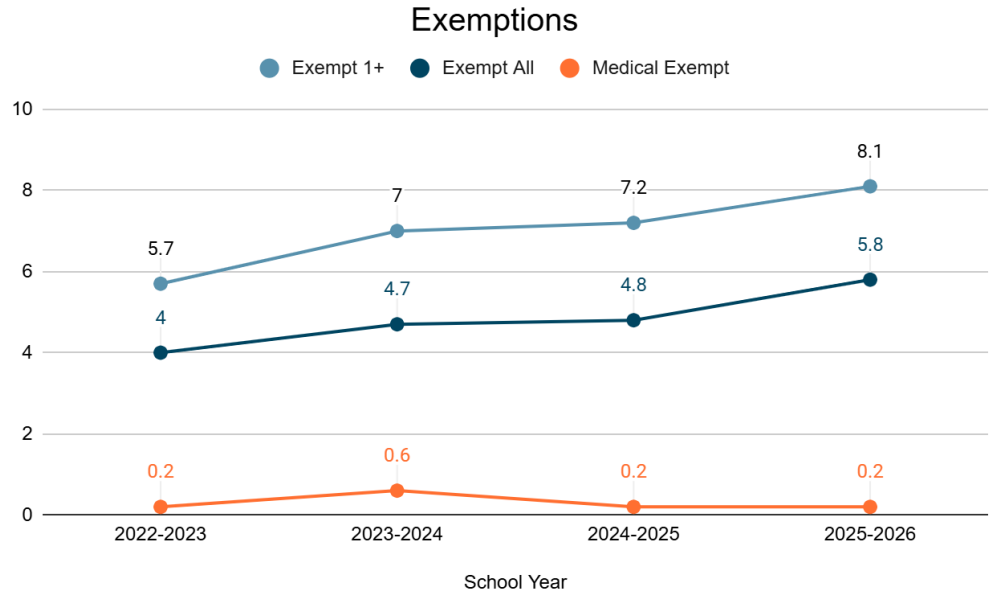
2025-2026

Kindergarten			
	2024	2025	% Change 24-25
Students Enrolled	73,056	68,354	-6.44%
4+ DTaP	88.7%	87.7%	-1.0%
3+ Polio	89.1%	88.6%	-0.5%
2+ MMR	88.7%	87.9%	-0.8%
3+ Hep B	92.3%	91.9%	-0.4%
1+ Varicella	93.4%	92.7%	-0.7%

# Arizona Immunization Exemption Rates Kindergarten, 2022 - 2025

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Kindergarten			
	2024	2025	% Change 24-25
Personal Belief Exempt One	9.0%	9.9%	+0.9%
Personal Belief Exempt All	4.7%	5.5%	+0.8%
Medical Exempt	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%



# Arizona Immunization Coverage Rates Sixth Grade, 2022 - 2025

Hepatitis B



Measles, Mumps, Rubella



Meningococcal ACWY



Polio



Tdap



Varicella



2022-2023

2023-2024

2024-2025

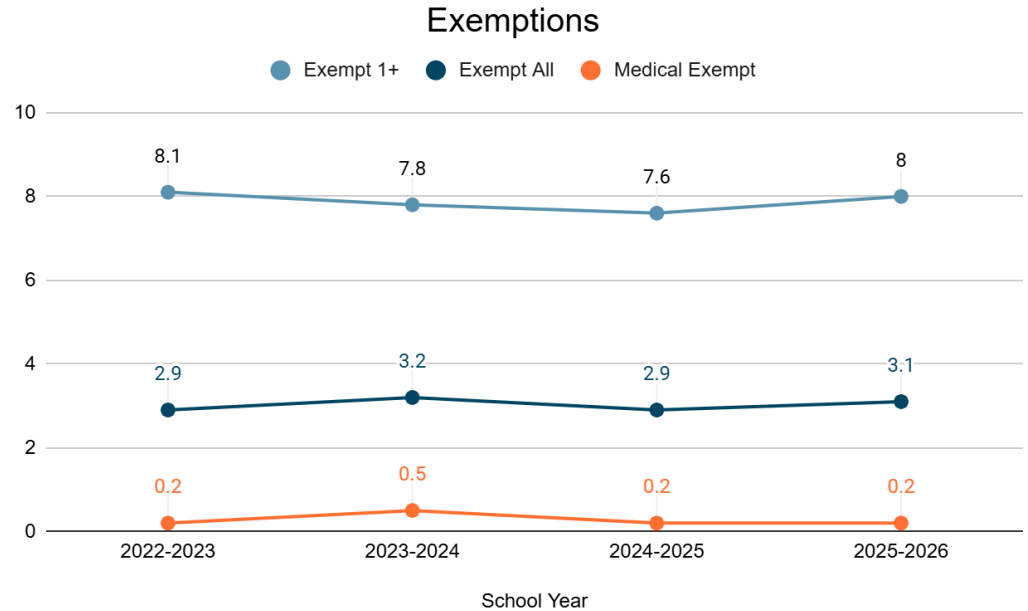
2025-2026

Sixth			
	2024	2025	% Change 24-25
Students Enrolled	82,115	81,854	-0.32%
Tdap	90.5%	88.5%	-2.0%
MCV4	89.0	87.0%	-2.0%
3+ Polio	94.3%	94.6%	+0.3%
2+ MMR	94.7%	94.8%	+0.1%
3+ Hep B	95.0%	95.2%	+0.2%
1+ Varicella	95.8%	95.7%	-0.1%

# Arizona Immunization Exemption Rates Sixth Grade, 2022 - 2025

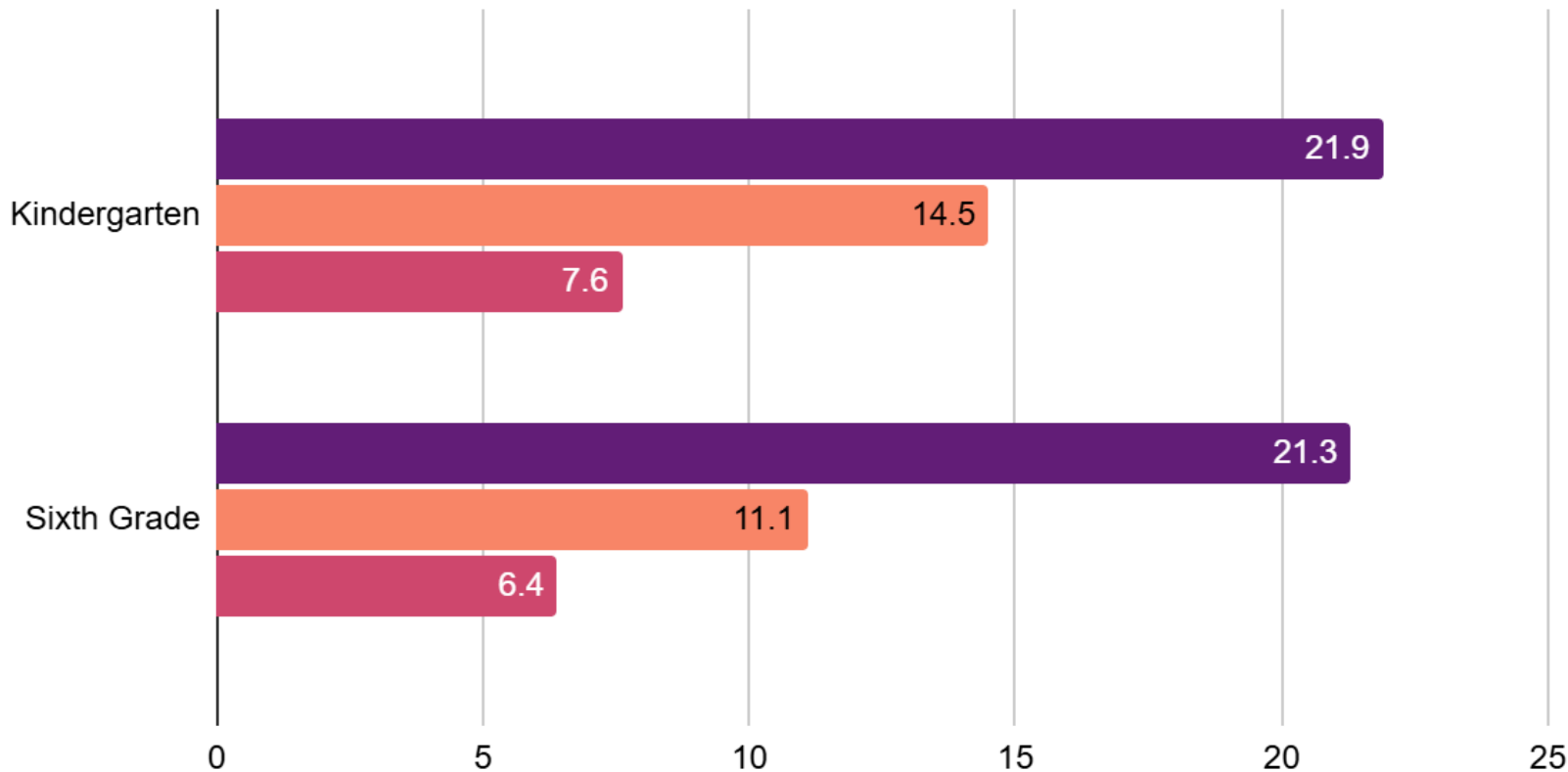
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Sixth			
	2024	2025	% Change 24-25
Personal Belief Exempt One	7.6%	8.0%	+0.4%
Personal Belief Exempt All	2.9%	3.1%	+0.2%
Medical Exempt	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%



# Exemption Rates by the Three School Types

Private Charter Public





# Immunization Education Course

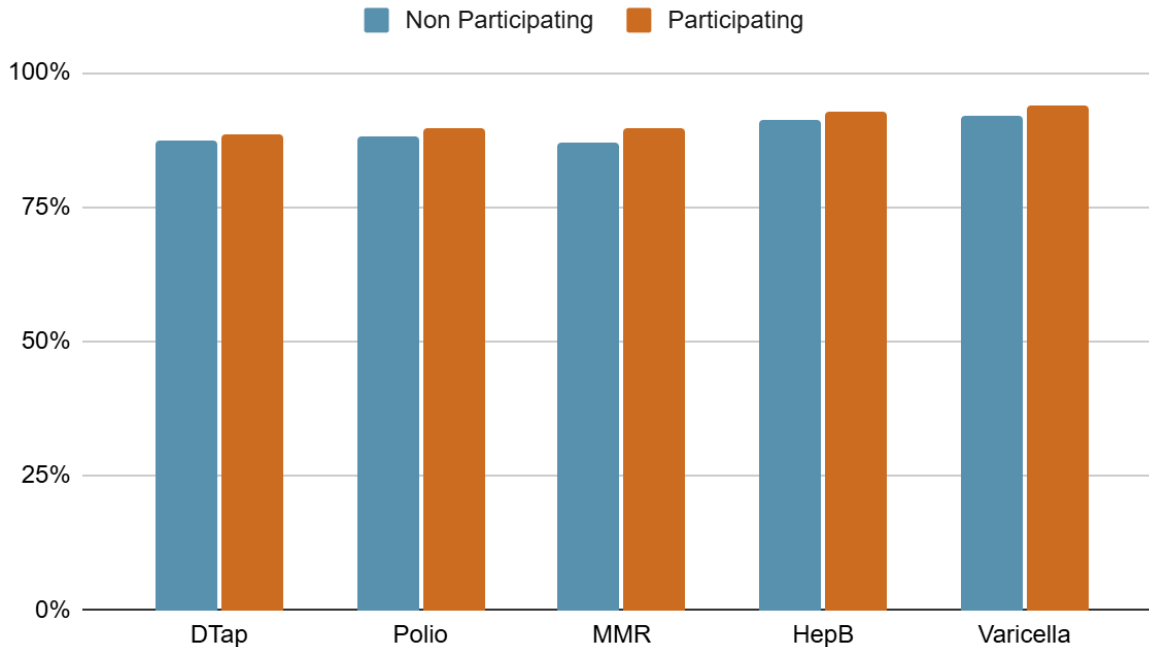
# Background Info on Immunization Education Course (IEC)

- The purpose of the IEC is to provide information so that parents and guardians can make an informed decision about vaccinating their children.
- Provides parents and guardians with information about school immunization requirements, vaccine -preventable diseases, available vaccines, potential adverse outcomes from the diseases and the risks unvaccinated children pose to immunocompromised individuals.
- School Districts choose if they want to opt in.
- On average, schools that implement the IEC have reduced the use of Personal Belief Exemptions (PBEs).



# Relationship of Participation in the IEC with Coverage Rates: Kindergarten, 2025 - 2026

Average Coverage Rates of Schools Non-Participating vs. Participating in the IEC: Kindergarten 2025

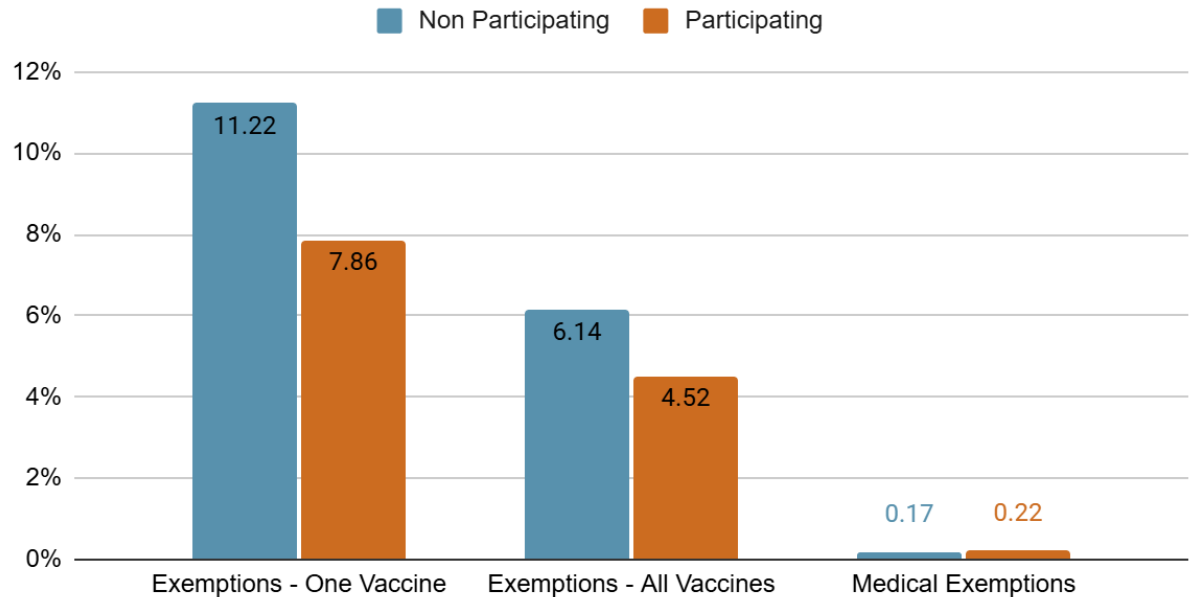


	No	Yes
DTap	87.2%	88.7%
Polio	88.0%	89.8%
MMR	87.0%	89.5%
HepB	91.4%	92.8%
Varicella	92.2%	93.8%
School Count	661	346

# Relationship of Participation in the IEC with Exemption Rates: Kindergarten, 2025 - 2026

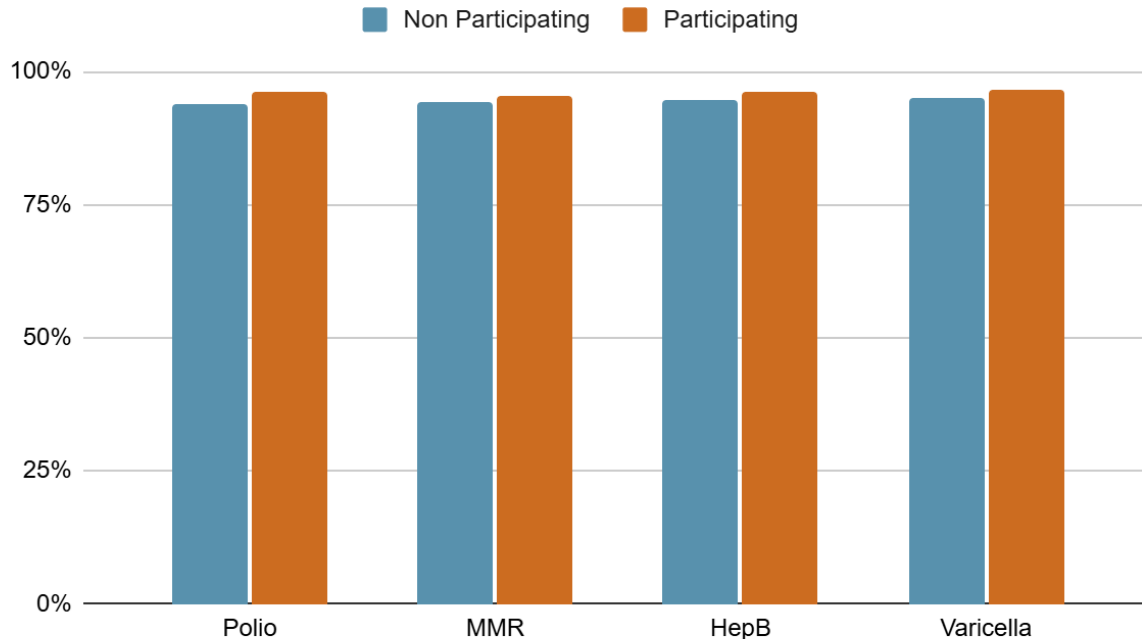
	No	Yes
Exemptions - One Vaccine	11.22%	7.86%
Exemptions - All Vaccines	6.14%	4.52%
Medical Exemptions	0.17%	0.22%

Average Exemption Rates of Schools Non-Participating vs. Participating in the IEC: Kindergarten 2025



# Relationship of Participation in the IEC with Coverage Rates: Sixth Grade, 2025 - 2026

Average Coverage Rates of Schools Non-Participating vs. Participating in the IEC: Sixth Grade 2025

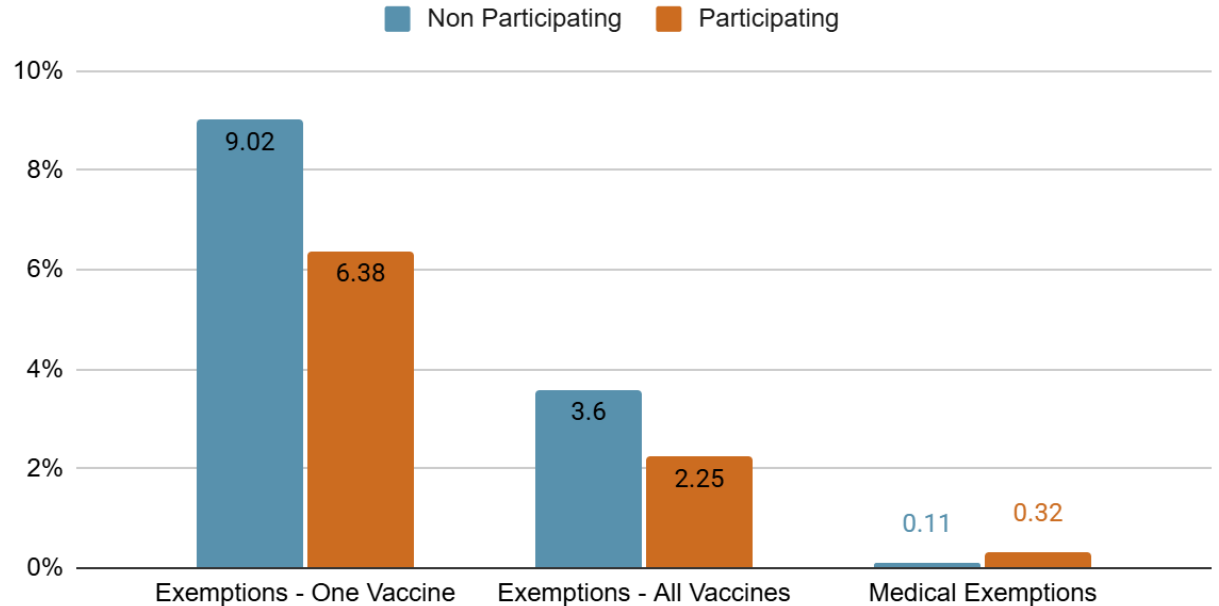


	No	Yes
Polio	94.1%	96.3%
MMR	94.4%	95.4%
HepB	94.6%	96.1%
Varicella	95.1%	96.5%
School Count	602	285

# Relationship of Participation in the IEC with Exemption Rates: Sixth Grade, 2025 - 2026

	No	Yes
Exemptions - One Vaccine	9.02%	6.38%
Exemptions - All Vaccines	3.60%	2.25%
Medical Exemptions	0.11%	0.32%

Average Exemption Rates of Schools Non-Participating vs. Participating in the IEC: Sixth Grade 2025



# Observations from the IEC Data

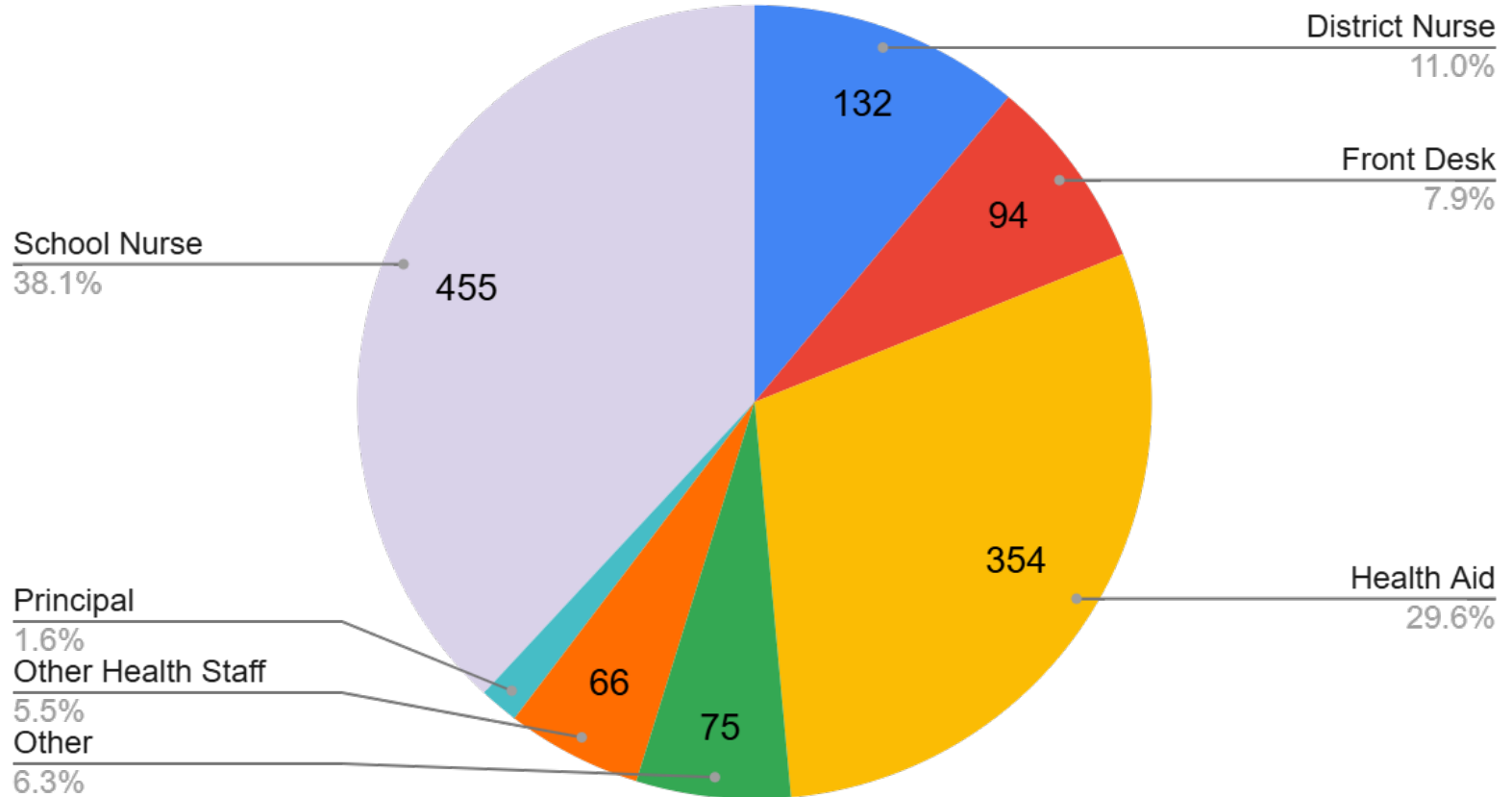
- IEC participation is associated with lower exemption rates in participating schools and shows year -to-year resilience.
- There may be an opportunity for jurisdictions to include an IEC component in their mitigation strategy to decrease exemptions, either as a teaching tool or as a requirement to receive an exemption by participating in the IEC program.





# Resources for School Staff

# Kindergarten 2025 IDR Reporters



# Questions and School Staff Support

- All staff can help increase rates.
- Most parents still vaccinate their children.
- Small increases in uptake and small decreases in exemptions can make a BIG difference!
- Parents may still have questions about the vaccines recommended for their child.
  - Staff may have questions as well.
- We need to accept people where they are - be aware of our own inherent biases, assumptions, and cultural differences.
- Although Arizona allows exemptions, many parents are open to gathering more information about vaccines.



# Potential Actions to Increase Vaccine Uptake

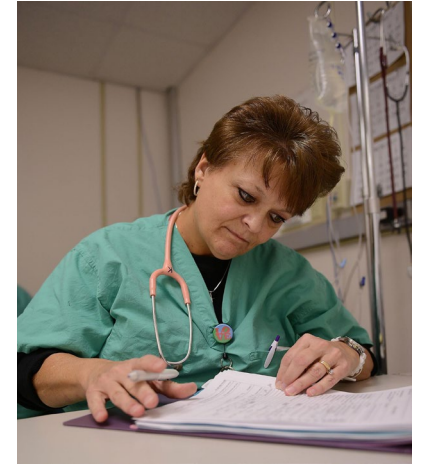
- Provide support to all staff for education and assistance.
- Compile comprehensive resources for all staff.
- Provide training for rural and urban staff.
- Provide additional training modules for records review.
- Ensure that School Information Systems (SIS) provide appropriate vaccine forecasting.
- Early records reviews to give parents time to get appointments.
- Utilize the Immunization Education Course.



# Early Records Review

- Promoting vaccination records review early can help start dialogue and give parents more time to schedule vaccine appointments.
- There were significant appointment issues during COVID 19, and challenges continue to be reported:
  - Back to school rush
  - Insurance and timing issues
  - Work schedule and conflicts
- Starting records review during open enrollment and kindergarten round -up is critical. Focusing efforts on schools and parents at this time can help offset many issues.

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# Education and Support for All School Staff Involved in Immunizations

- The IDR data identifies opportunities to increase uptake.
  - Small changes can make a big difference
- Increase administrative help and support to promote vaccine uptake.
- Other resources include: the Healthy Kids AZ app, referral forms, “How To” guides, CDC, AAP, TAPI, Immunize.org, and other organizational toolkits and training sessions.
- ADHS provides each county with funding for IDR site visits to provide support for schools.



# Resources for School Staff

- [SchoolVaxView Interactive School Vaccination Coverage | CDC](#)
- [School Health Services | Healthy Schools | CDC](#)
- [AZ School Nurses & Health Office Staff Resources - Arizona Partnership for Immunization](#)
- [Back to School with Routine Vaccines | CDC](#)
- [School -located vaccination clinics: best practices for school districts : a guide for school district administrators](#)

# Questions?



**Thank You!**  
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