

IMMUNIZATION: 2018 FACTS AND FIGURES

Colorado House District 63



COLORADO CHILDREN'S
IMMUNIZATION COALITION

Overview

Vaccines are a safe and effective way to prevent the spread of disease and keep children healthy as they grow. Each year in the US, vaccines save approximately 33,000 lives, prevent 14 million cases of disease, and save \$9.9 billion in direct care costs.¹

Although the majority of parents vaccinate their children, newly-available data show there are gaps in vaccination coverage across the state of Colorado, putting our children and communities at risk for vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks. High vaccination coverage levels and coordinated efforts are critical to protecting public health.

Vaccine Exemptions in Colorado

Colorado is one of 18 states that allow parents to exempt their children from vaccines required for school or child care for philosophical reasons.

Compared with other states, Colorado has a relatively easy exemption process and one of the highest exemption rates. Research shows that states with lenient exemption policies have higher exemption rates, which can lead to increased risk for vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks.

Quick Facts



95 PERCENT of vaccine exemptions in Colorado are claimed for non-medical reasons.



50th Colorado ranks last in the Nation for kindergarten vaccination rates.²

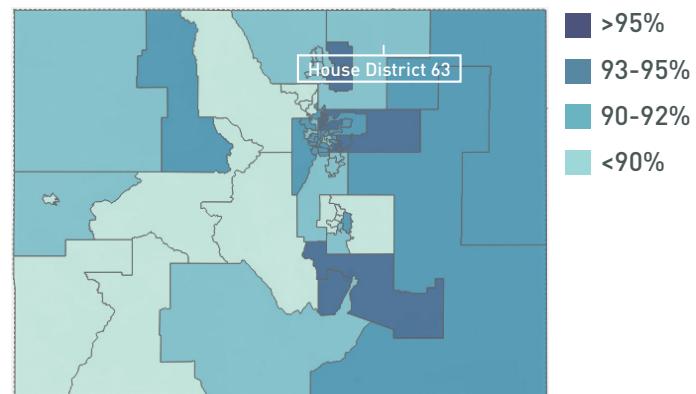


4,719 COLORADO CHILDREN were hospitalized or went to an emergency room with vaccine-preventable diseases in 2015.³



\$35 MILLION
There were more than \$35 million in hospital and emergency department charges for treating Colorado children for vaccine-preventable diseases in 2015.³

Up-to-Date Vaccination Rates by House District, 2016-17 School Year*



House Districts with the Highest and Lowest Up-to-Date Vaccination Rates*

House District	Vaccination Rate	House District	Vaccination Rate
House District 50	97.7%	House District 61	86.5%
House District 37	97.1%	House District 59	86.3%
House District 56	96.9%	House District 60	85.7%
House District 48	96.8%	House District 12	84.9%
House District 31	96.9%	House District 10	79.3%

*District-level immunization data has been made possible through the passage of HB14-1288 and subsequent rulemaking which requires schools and licensed child care centers to annually report immunization and exemption rates to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). To access the data, visit www.cohealthdata.dphe.state.co.us and search for school and child care immunization data.

TAKE ACTION

1. Support public policies that maintain and strengthen Colorado's exemption process.
2. Ensure appropriate funding of vaccine systems, such as the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS).
3. Support transparency of depersonalized immunization data to inform the public about vaccination coverage and community protection from disease.
4. Support policies that increase access to vaccines.

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How Is My District Doing?

- With an overall average up-to-date (UTD) vaccination rate of **91.8%**, House District 63 ranks **39th out of 65 districts**.
- In House District 63, **12 of 28 schools** have exemption rates **greater than 2.5%** and **57% of schools** have an exemption rate **lower than 2.5%**.

Exemption Rates by School, House District 63, 2016-2017 School Year

