Vaccines Matter to Knox County

What is a VPD Outbreak?

A Vaccine-Preventable Disease, or VPD, outbreak (e.g., measles) may occur when community members are inadequately vaccinated against a disease. The TN Kindergarten Immunization Compliance Assessment is a great way to understand your county’s risk of an outbreak!

Knox County Kindergarten Immunization Compliance Assessment (2018-19)

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<th>Student Status</th>
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<td>Below 90% immunized</td>
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Overall, **95.3%** of 2018-2019 Knox County kindergarten students were fully immunized at enrollment. To remain at low risk for a VPD outbreak, this rate should remain above 95%.

Impact of One Case of Measles in TN April 2019

- One case of measles
- Visited 4 health care facilities and 1 hotel
- Exposed 537 people

Resulting in:
- 32 people in isolation/quarantine
- 4 additional measles cases
- 584 total days missed work/school

Outbreaks like this can be avoided when the community is properly vaccinated.
Facts Matter:

1. The United States has the safest vaccine supply in its history. Vaccines do not cause autism. Source: [https://tinyurl.com/z2vebhq](https://tinyurl.com/z2vebhq)

2. Vaccines protect children from 16 diseases, including 2 that are known to cause cancer. Source: [https://tinyurl.com/y5qlm546](https://tinyurl.com/y5qlm546)

3. CDC estimates vaccines will prevent more than 21 million hospitalizations and 732,000 deaths among children born in the last 20 years. Source: [https://tinyurl.com/y7ep84de](https://tinyurl.com/y7ep84de)

4. Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and most Christian faiths (including Catholic and Baptist) have no tenets in opposition to vaccines. Source: [https://tinyurl.com/y5jv489p](https://tinyurl.com/y5jv489p)

5. 13 childhood vaccines are manufactured without the need of human cell culture. There are no fetal cells in vaccines. Source: [https://tinyurl.com/y2h9veee](https://tinyurl.com/y2h9veee)

LEARN MORE!

The annual TN Kindergarten Immunization Compliance Assessment is a census of the immunization status of every kindergarten student enrolled in public school in Tennessee --more than 75,000 students! Check out the full report, by school! [https://tinyurl.com/t9pbopr](https://tinyurl.com/t9pbopr)

Reliable Resources

- [www.tn.gov/health/cedep/immunization-program.html](https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/immunization-program.html)
- [www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center](https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center)
- [www.healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org)
- [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)

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