

Hello,

I support the removal of non-medical vaccine exemptions.

My daughter is 2.5 years old, and just over 2 years post-liver transplant. She had Biliary Atresia, which is a pediatric liver disease with no known cause or cure. Unfortunately, she was too young at time of transplant so did not receive her MMR vaccine, and is unable to receive any live vaccines for the rest of her life. When the most recent measles outbreak came to light, we realized she had been at an exposure location around the same time as the infected person. It threw our family into a tailspin, as immunocompromised patients often don't get the stereotypical rash associated with the virus. It would be physiologically difficult to see if she was safe or not. Immunosuppressed persons experience complications and death from measles at a much higher rate than persons with normal immune systems.

We are diligent, germophobic parents. We've spent enough time indoors, listened to enough nonsensical, anti-science arguments, and there's really no good non-medical reason not to vaccinate your children.

For the people that say "take vitamins" or "wash your hands," yeah, those are good things to do all the time. Unfortunately, those practices help but can't prevent every single infection. Considering my child has spent more time in healthcare facilities than the average senior citizen, I'd know. Nosocomial infections are real.

I drive well, but I still carry insurance. Will there be exemptions for having to carry auto insurance?

These same people vaccinate their animals.

As a progressive, utilitarian society, please do what is right.

Trust the vast majority of medical professionals and their support of vaccination. It saves lives, including my daughter, who relies heavily on herd immunity (a REAL thing).

Thank you,  
Kallie Caito  
- mother to Madeline

