

I oppose HB 3063.

I am a Salem, Oregon mother of four. This bill is unnecessary. Oregon's vaccination rates are not dropping. Only 2.6% of K-12 students are truly unvaccinated. Please see the photo attached, with data from the CDC and OHA. Specifically, the MMR vaccine has a very high uptake, over 95% for K-12 students. Our state had 4 cases of measles. This is not an emergency.

Furthermore, how can we mandate six doses of DTaP when it has been shown to make a person more susceptible to pertussis over their lifetime?

"Because of linked-epitope suppression, all children who were primed by DTaP vaccines will be more susceptible to pertussis throughout their lifetimes, and there is no easy way to decrease this increased lifetime susceptibility." <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/m/pubmed/30793754/>

Childhood vaccines have been a liability-free product since 1986. Please do not mandate vaccines with no way to opt out when the manufacturers aren't even held responsible for their product.

Thank you
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Oregon's Vaccination Rates

All facts provided by the Oregon Health Authority or the Centers for Disease Control



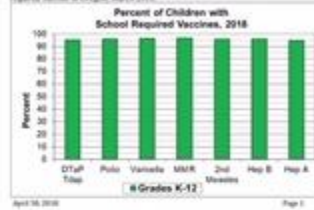
FACT:

Oregon has high vaccination rates for all school required vaccines

Source: Oregon Health Authority

This chart was provided to governor Kate Brown by The Oregon Health Authority in April 2018, showing high vaccination rates for all school required vaccines.

Figure 1. Percent of Children in Kindergarten through 12th grade complete for each school required vaccine in Oregon, March 2018.



FACT:

Oregon's vaccination rate for the MMR vaccine has been high and steady since at least 1995

Source: Oregon Health Authority

This graph shows MMR vaccination rates in Oregon since 1995 (chart provided by the CDC). There has never been a decline in MMR vaccination rates in Oregon. According to OHA, the measles vaccination rate is currently 95.6% for K-12 students.



Source: Centers for Disease Control, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccination coverage among children 19-35 months by state, HHS region, and the United States, National Immunization Survey-Child (NIS-Child), 1995 through 2017.

FACT:

Only 2.6% of Oregon's K-12 students are unvaccinated

Source: Oregon Health Authority

This table was provided by The Oregon Health Authority and shows an unvaccinated rate of 2.6% for K-12 students.

	Grade K	Grade K	Grade K-12	Grade K-12
	% with nonmedical exemption to one or more vaccines	% with nonmedical exemption to all vaccines	% with nonmedical exemption to one or more vaccines	% with nonmedical exemption to all vaccines
2018	7.5%	4.1%	5.2%	2.6%
2017	6.5%	3.6%	4.7%	2.3%
2016	6.2%	3.3%	4.1%	2.0%

Source: Oregon Health Authority Immunization Program

FACT:

The data counting vaccine exemptions constantly confuses the issue, and OHA knows why exemptions are up since 2000

Source: Oregon Health Authority

Nearly 31,500 students claimed non-medical exemptions in Oregon in 2017, or 5.2%. But only 2.6% of children are unvaccinated. How could that be? There are 23 vaccinations required to attend school in Oregon. If your child gets 22 of 23 vaccines, they are counted as "exempt" for the 1 missing vaccine. How can vaccination rates remain high while exemptions rise? The OHA knows the answer, because they explained it in one of their reports:

"When other vaccines have been added as school immunization requirements, non-medical exemption rates have increased for all vaccines."

Since 2000, nine additional vaccines have been added to the schedule by OHA. Exemptions are a product of administrative burden and complexity, and parents "catch-up" with time. This is why you can have a kindergarten exemption rate of 7.5%, but an unvaccinated rate of only 2.6% (see OHA table above).