

We are writing to oppose HB 3063.

Vaccination rates in Oregon are already very high. Specifically, vaccination rates for measles in K-12 is nearly 96%. Oregon's vaccination rate for MMR has remained high and steady since at least 1995.

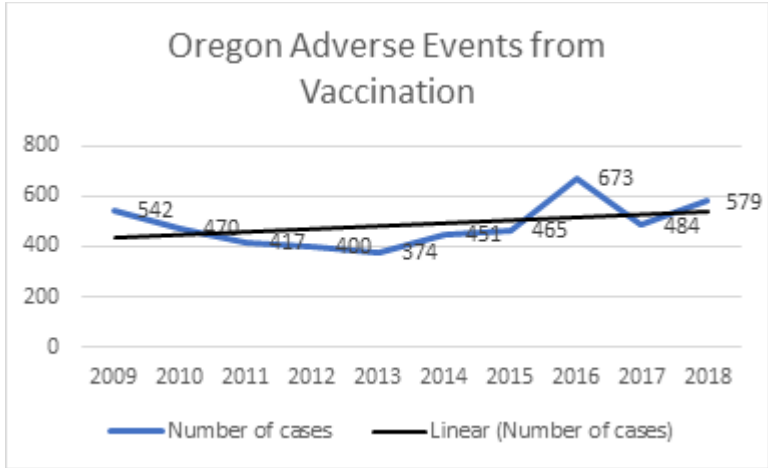
Measles is not making a comeback. OHA communicable disease reports show that there are cases of measles nearly every year in Oregon. The only difference in 2019 is the mass hysteria in the media trying to goad the legislature into taking action to remove rights from Oregonians.

Additionally, the constant focus on "herd immunity" rates in schools is completely illogical. Schools are not a closed biosphere. There is a constant stream of adults in the schools including administrators, teachers, coaches, janitors, volunteers, and parents. All of whom we have no idea the vaccination status of. Most likely, the majority of these adults are essentially "unvaccinated" as vaccine derived immunity (if any is even acquired) wears off over time, and the CDC knows that adult vaccine uptake is extremely low. To target school children exclusively, and deny them the ability to receive a public or private education, or to be placed in daycare, is ludicrous in the extreme.

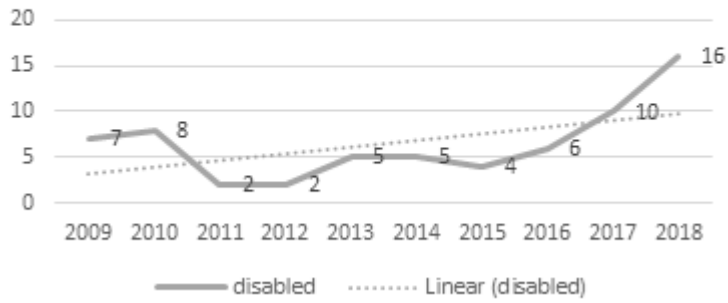
The legislators who have crafted and support this bill, seem to be under the assumption that the over 31,000 children with an exemption to one or more vaccines are "casual exemptors" and if this becomes law will run right out and get up-to-date. This is just not the case. Since the K-12 exemption rate for *one or more vaccines* is 5.2% but the K-12 completely unvaccinated rate is only 2.6%, it is clear that of those claiming an exemption, a good portion of them are selectively vaccinating. The most likely reason for those selectively vaccinating or for those choosing to not vaccinate at all is that their family has been touched by a vaccine injury. This is something that is never discussed - only the constant drumbeat for higher vaccine uptake. Families that experienced vaccine injury DID do their part for the herd, they DID follow their doctors advice, they were pro vaccine and their child suffered a consequence. Many of these families have now been ostracized by "the herd" and marginalized by the medical community who won't listen to them, tells them they are lying, and kicks them out of their practice when they refuse to continue down the path of the CDC recommended vaccine schedule, as the pediatrician demands.

A study by Harvard Pilgrim Health, commissioned by the CDC, showed that **less than 1% of adverse events are reported to VAERS**, the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System. So, you could potentially add 2 zeros to these Oregon reports, pulled from VAERS by a professional data analyst:

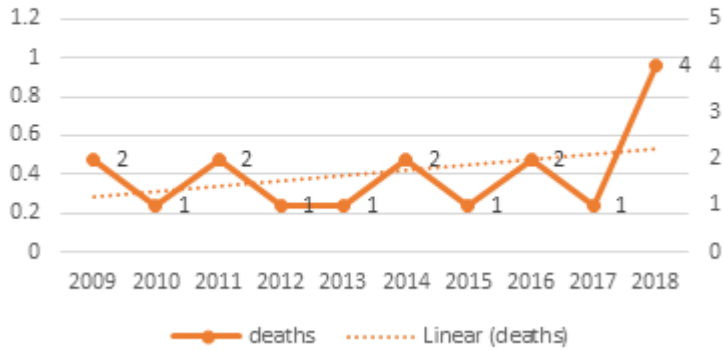
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of cases	542	470	417	400	374	451	465	673	484	579
deaths	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	4
disabled	7	8	2	2	5	5	4	6	10	16
life threatening reactions	7	10	8	5	10	10	4	4	10	4
hospitalizations	20	19	19	15	12	11	13	10	19	19
emergency room	147	149	125	132	108	124	122	128	59	10

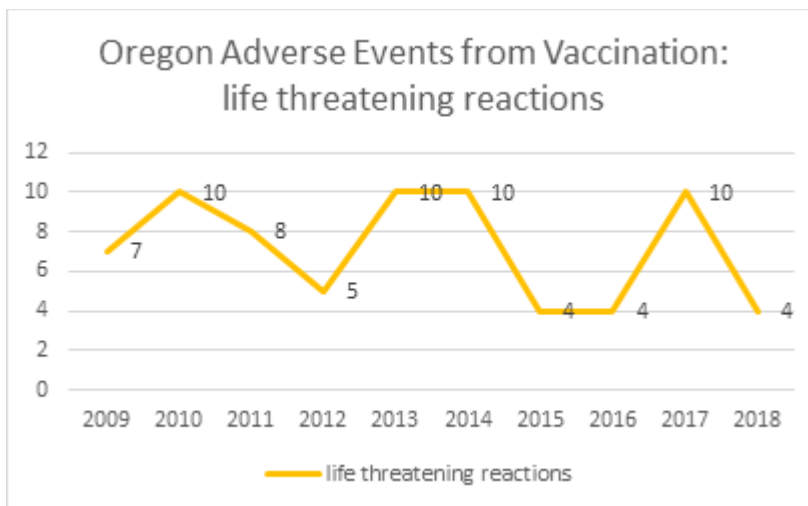
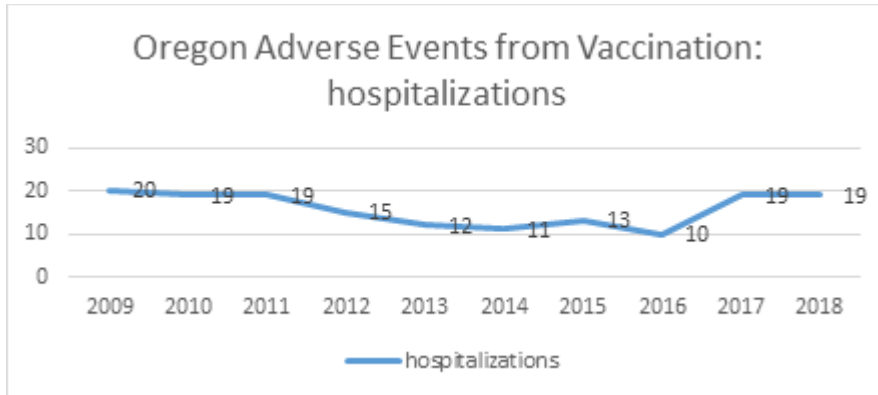


Oregon Adverse Events from Vaccination: disabilities



Oregon Adverse Events from Vaccination: deaths





These children who have been harmed by a vaccine are no less important than any other child in Oregon. Most of these children cannot get a medical exemption in Oregon, because Oregon makes it nearly impossible to obtain a medical exemption. The parameters are so narrow that almost no one qualifies, and then you have to find a doctor who is willing to write the exemption (most are terrified to do so) and then it must be approved by OHA. For example, reactions to the DTaP shot that **DO NOT** qualify for an exemption include ***persistent, inconsolable crying lasting more than 3 hours, collapse or shock-like state, seizure, family history of seizure, family history of SIDS, and family history of an adverse event after DTaP administration.*** If you watched your baby have one of these reactions after their first dose of the DTaP vaccine, would you give them the 4 more doses that are required to enter kindergarten? Or would you maybe want to do something different? If this bill passes, the family's choice will be risk their baby again and again and hope that they don't react, maybe even more severely, or never be allowed to enroll their child in school. We're told when it comes to allergic reactions that each time you are exposed to the allergen, you chance an even greater reaction than the first reaction you experienced. But, this concept does not apply to vaccine reactions. These families rely on the nonmedical vaccine exemptions to protect their children.

You have a duty to protect ALL Oregon children, and that includes vaccine injured children. Passing this bill will further marginalize a minority population and unfairly discriminate against them by barring them from public, private, and charter schools, as well as childcare.

Please vote NO on HB 3063!

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