

## Results from the 2006 Limestone County Retrospective Immunization School Survey

The Limestone County Retrospective Immunization School Survey is a school-based study that measures vaccination coverage levels of kindergarteners retrospectively at 24 months of age. Children were considered up-to-date on their immunizations if they had completed the 4-3-1 series (4 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis- containing vaccine (DTaP/DTP or DT), 3 doses of polio vaccine, 1 dose of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine (MMR)) by the time they turned 24 months of age. Also calculated in the survey were the percentages of children completing the 4-3-1-3-3 series and the 4-3-1-3-3-1 series by 24 months of age. The 4-3-1-3-3 series is composed of the 4:3:1 series plus 3 doses of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine (Hib), and 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine (HepB). The 4-3-1-3-3-1 series is composed of the 4-3-1-3-3 series plus 1 dose of varicella vaccine on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and unadjusted for varicella disease history. Thus, the 2006 data reflect the vaccination coverage levels of the 2006-2007 school year kindergarten population when they were 24 months of age (**about 3 years prior to the survey date**). These children were born between 07/11/1999 - 09/01/2001.

The survey included all 3 public kindergarten schools in the county with all kindergarten students selected for the survey. Dates of birth and the dates of vaccination were obtained and entered into CASA. 310 records were included in the analysis. The analysis was conducted using SAS statistical software. The Limestone County 4-3-1, 4-3-1-3-3, and 4-3-1-3-3-1 vaccination coverage levels at 24 months of age were **68.1%**, **64.8%**, and **56.5%**, respectively. The individual vaccination coverage levels for vaccines routinely recommended for children were as follows (including pneumococcal vaccine (PCV)):

Vaccine	Percent Vaccinated by 24 months of Age
4 DTP/DTaP/DT	72.6
3 Polio	86.1
1 MMR	84.8
3 Hib	90.3
3 Hep B	86.5
1 Var	71.6
3 PCV	24.8

At the time of the survey, 86.8% of kindergarten students in Limestone County had received at least 1 dose of hepatitis A vaccine, and 55.8% had completed the 2 dose series.

These data cannot be used to assess current interventions to raise immunization coverage levels. Questions concerning these results or the methodology may be directed to Julie Townsend, epidemiologist, at (512) 458-7111 ext. 3949 email: [Julie.Townsend@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Julie.Townsend@dshs.state.tx.us).