

Results from the 2011 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. The survey calculates the percentage of children that completed the 4-3-1-3-3, the 4-3-1-3-3-1 series, and the 4-3-1-3-3-1-4 series by 24 months of age. The 4-3-1-3-3 series is composed of 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), 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 1st birthday and unadjusted for varicella disease history. The 4-3-1-3-3-1-4 series is composed of the 4-3-1-3-3-1 series plus 4 or more doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). The 2011 data in this report reflects the vaccination coverage levels of the 2011-2012 school year kindergarten population when they were 24 months of age (**about 3 years prior to the survey date**). These children were born between 9/13/2004-9/1/2006.

3 public kindergarten schools in the county were selected. 307 students were included in the analysis. Limestone County vaccination coverage levels at 24 months of age for all vaccine series and all individual vaccination coverage levels for vaccines routinely recommended for children were as follows:

Vaccine/Vaccine Series	Percent Vaccinated by 24 months of Age
4 DTP/DTaP/DT	74.9
3 Polio	89.3
1 MMR	86.0
3 Hib	89.6
3 Hep B	91.5
1 Var	84.4
3 PCV	87.3
4 PCV	66.1
4:3:1:3:3	69.1
4:3:1:3:3:1	67.8
4:3:1:3:3:1:4	55.1

At the time of the survey, 99.0% of kindergarten students in Limestone County had received 1 dose of hepatitis A vaccine, and 97.1% 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 the Immunization Branch at (512) 776-3711.