



2008 Texas School Immunization Validation Survey Results Vaccination Compliance Coverage Levels of Kindergarten Students Attending Public Schools in Texas

The purpose of the 2008 Texas School Immunization Validation Survey was to assess the number of kindergarten students that were appropriately vaccinated in accordance with Texas school entry immunization requirements (Title 25 Health Services, Chapter 97, Texas Administrative Code §97.63). The Texas Education Agency reported that there were approximately 351,184 kindergarten students enrolled at 3,924 Texas public schools during the 2008–2009 school years.

For the Texas School Immunization Validation Survey, a cluster sampling method was used to select 80 schools with kindergarten students. A random sample of twenty-five immunization records of kindergarten students was selected from each school. Seventy-four of the selected Texas public schools with kindergarten students participated in the 2008 Texas School Immunization Validation Survey. From these 74 Texas public schools, immunization records were received for 1,842 kindergarten students enrolled during the 2008–2009 school year.

Vaccination compliance coverage levels for kindergarten students were high for all vaccine requirements. Coverage levels were highest for the 1st dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine and lowest for DTaP vaccine. The following table presents Texas statewide vaccination compliance coverage levels for kindergarten students attending public school in Texas.

Vaccination Compliance Coverage Levels of Texas Public School Kindergarten Students

Vaccine Requirement*	% of KG Students Vaccinated**
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT)	92.6
Polio Vaccine (OPV or IPV)	94.6
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine – 1 st dose	99.6
MMR (or measles) vaccine – 2 nd dose	98.1
Varicella Vaccine	97.8
Hepatitis B vaccine	99.1

*Requirements for kindergarten students: five doses of DTP/DTaP vaccine including one received on or after 4th birthday (four doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was received on or after the 4th birthday); four doses poliovirus vaccine including one received on or after 4th birthday (three doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose was received on or after the 4th birthday, or any combination of four doses of OPV and IPV received before four years of age is acceptable); one dose MMR vaccine received on or after 1st birthday and one additional dose of measles vaccine or 2nd MMR vaccine; one dose of varicella vaccine received on or after 1st birthday or history of disease; and three doses hepatitis B vaccine.

**Includes students with a medical or conscientious exemption.