



Vote YES on SB 254

Join Oregon parents, children, patients, health care providers and public health advocates

Eliminate non-medical exemptions from school immunization law to protect Oregon communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and save lives

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- **Oregon faces a long-term public health crisis** – 7% of Oregon K-12 students are not fully vaccinated. In 569 schools MMR vaccination rates are under 95% – the threshold for herd immunity – with the lowest showing reporting 17%.
- **Vaccination protects children and those at significant risk of infection** – This includes babies too young to be vaccinated and individuals with medical conditions that preclude vaccination.
- **The right to freedom from disease** – Vaccines protect our right to live freely, without fear of contracting and spreading devastating diseases. COVID-19 proves how damaging a disease without a vaccine can be to our community and our economy. Vaccines give us the right to live our lives without fear.
- **The stability of our economy and health systems** – Vaccines prevent economic disruption and outbreaks that overwhelm our health systems. COVID-19 disrupted every part of our lives. Why would we repeat this for a preventable disease?
- **Community immunity is at risk** – Vaccinated children are a crucial part of the entire community's defense against vaccine-preventable diseases, Oregon's current vaccination rates make all of us more vulnerable to disease.
- **Vaccines save lives and are safe** – Vaccines offer the best-known protection against a number of illnesses that devastated millions in the past.

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- **By eliminating the non-medical exemption from school immunization law, Oregon can increase vaccination rates and save lives.**
- **This bill does not take away a parent's rights to make decisions about their children's healthcare** - it only requires that children be vaccinated in order to attend school to **protect the health** of other students, teachers, staff, and our community.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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Stronger immunization policies protect our community and our health.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a stark reminder that infectious diseases can spread rapidly and have devastating impacts across our communities, our economy, and our health systems.

School immunization policies are how we ensure our schools are protected and our students have the right to receive an education without risk of dangerous diseases.

Vaccines safely and effectively protect children by creating community immunity to avoid the devastating impacts of disease.



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- Protects Oregonians right to be free from disease
- Helps keep medically vulnerable students and staff healthy
- Boosts community immunity to reduce disease spread
- Supported by a coalition of parents, children, patients, health care providers and public health advocates

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