

November 30, 2020

Dear Principal and/or Superintendent:

The Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) are partnering to conduct the 2020-2021 statewide kindergarten immunization survey which measures:

- The percentage of kindergarten students protected against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, and varicella through compliance with school entry vaccination requirements.
- The percentage of students in compliance with Oklahoma's School Immunization Law through filed exemptions.

2019-20 Oklahoma kindergarten immunization survey results are available at https://bit.ly/2Uh0m7f.

Your school's participation is essential to monitor trends in immunization coverage among children, and to drive public health program activities to target vaccination efforts in the state. The survey will be conducted through REDCap, a secure, web-based data collection system. Instructions to complete the survey are enclosed. It is preferable for your school nurse or other designated school staff member familiar with the review and entry of vaccination records to complete this survey. Once completed, the survey can be accessed at https://is.gd/KSurvey2021. Schools may either complete the excel file attached within REDCap or upload a report with student specific vaccination data from the school's immunization system.

The deadline for completion of this survey is <u>January 31, 2021</u>. Please do not delay completing the survey even if all of your students are not up-to-date on their immunizations. The intent of this survey is to assess immunization coverage of kindergarteners and compliance statewide, not the performance of individual schools.

We appreciate your continuing efforts to ensure all students meet immunization requirements. If you have questions regarding immunization compliance, please contact the OSDH Immunization Service at 1-800-234-6196. If you have questions regarding REDCap or would like a summary of last year's results, please contact the OSDH ADS at 1-800-234-5963. Questions can also be submitted by e-mail to ksurvey@health.ok.gov.

Sincerely,

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State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. Lance Frye

Interim Commissioner of Health