

January 20, 2022

Dear Principal and/or Superintendent:

The Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) are partnering to conduct the 2021-2022 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.

Previous Oklahoma kindergarten immunization survey results are available <u>here</u>.

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 survey completed, be accessed complete this survey. Once the can https://redcap.link/KSurvey2022. 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>March 31, 2022</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 405-426-8580. If you have questions regarding REDCap please contact the OSDH Acute Disease Service at 405-426-8710 and ask for either Mike Mannell or Marie Solberg. Questions can also be submitted by e-mail to ksurvey@health.ok.gov.

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