

## **2011 SELECTIVE REVIEW RESULTS**

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#### Introduction

The annual selective review conducted each spring provides information on compliance with the California School Immunization Law. The purpose of this review is to evaluate the enforcement of the immunization requirements and the follow-up of students who have not received all required immunizations. This report presents results from this year's selective review and the attached tables present comparisons of immunization coverage among the selected schools.

#### Methods and Participants

This year's selective review was conducted in a sample of approximately 3.5% of kindergartens. Local health department staff visited 286 schools with kindergartens. During the site visits a short interview was conducted with school administrators. In addition, a complete review of student immunization records was performed. Data were analyzed by comparing immunization coverage rates reported by schools during the fall and those reported by local health departments during the spring.

#### Results and Discussion

Overall, results of the 2011 selective review indicate that schools are in compliance with the California School Immunization Law. Over 94% of kindergarten students had received all the required immunizations. Among kindergartens, coverage for each required vaccine was above 96% for public schools and 89% for private schools.

#### Kindergarten (Table 1)

The percentage of kindergarten students with all required immunizations measured during the spring selective review ( $94.4 \pm 0.8\%$ ) was similar to that measured during the fall assessment ( $91.6 \pm 1.5\%$ ). As in previous years, estimates of immunization coverage in the selected kindergartens varied by the type of school (public or private). In the spring, the percentage of students with all required immunizations was higher in public schools ( $95.2 \pm 0.8\%$ ) than in private schools ( $86.8 \pm 4.0\%$ ).

#### Conclusion

Maintaining compliance with the California School Immunization Law is labor intensive and requires school administrators to have a thorough understanding of the immunization requirements. Selective review provides an opportunity to emphasize the importance of following up on students who are missing required immunizations. Higher coverage levels measured in the spring could be an indication that follow-up of conditional entrants is occurring. Similar estimates of coverage measured in the spring could be an indication that follow-up is not occurring or that there may be a great deal of student movement with continuing enrollment of students with conditional entry throughout the school year. Overall, the results indicate that schools are in compliance with the California School Immunization Law.

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Table 1: Kindergarten Immunization Coverage\*, Comparison of Fall 2010 Assessment and Spring 2011 Selective Review

	All Schools n = 286		Public Schools n = 205		Private Schools n = 81	
	Fall 2010 Assessment	Spring 2011 Selective Review	Fall 2010 Assessment	Spring 2011 Selective Review	Fall 2010 Assessment	Spring 2011 Selective Review
Total Enrollment	17,089	16,899	15,486	15,316	1,603	1,583
All Required Immunizations	91.6% $\pm$ 1.5%	94.4% $\pm$ 0.8%	92.2% $\pm$ 1.5%	95.2% $\pm$ 0.8%	86.4% $\pm$ 5.4%	86.8% $\pm$ 4.0%
Conditional Entrants	6.19% $\pm$ 1.42%	3.03% $\pm$ 0.66%	5.95% $\pm$ 1.51%	2.56% $\pm$ 0.68%	8.55% $\pm$ 4.32%	7.58% $\pm$ 2.72%
Permanent Medical Exemptions	0.12% $\pm$ 0.07%	0.08% $\pm$ 0.05%	0.12% $\pm$ 0.07%	0.07% $\pm$ 0.05%	0.12% $\pm$ 0.18%	0.13% $\pm$ 0.18%
Personal Belief Exemptions	2.08% $\pm$ 0.49%	2.48% $\pm$ 0.52%	1.78% $\pm$ 0.45%	2.17% $\pm$ 0.50%	4.93% $\pm$ 2.99%	5.50% $\pm$ 2.90%
DTaP (4+) <sup>1</sup>	93.7% $\pm$ 1.1%	95.7% $\pm$ 0.7%	94.2% $\pm$ 1.1%	96.3% $\pm$ 0.6%	88.9% $\pm$ 5.0%	90.1% $\pm$ 3.7%
Polio (3+) <sup>2</sup>	94.2% $\pm$ 1.1%	96.0% $\pm$ 0.6%	94.8% $\pm$ 1.0%	96.6% $\pm$ 0.6%	88.5% $\pm$ 5.0%	89.4% $\pm$ 3.8%
MMR (2+) <sup>3</sup>	94.1% $\pm$ 1.1%	96.0% $\pm$ 0.6%	94.7% $\pm$ 1.1%	96.6% $\pm$ 0.6%	88.0% $\pm$ 5.4%	90.3% $\pm$ 3.5%
Hep B (3+) <sup>4</sup>	96.7% $\pm$ 0.6%	96.8% $\pm$ 0.5%	97.0% $\pm$ 0.5%	97.1% $\pm$ 0.5%	94.2% $\pm$ 3.1%	93.5% $\pm$ 3.0%
Var (1+) <sup>5</sup>	97.1% $\pm$ 0.6%	97.0% $\pm$ 0.5%	97.3% $\pm$ 0.5%	97.3% $\pm$ 0.5%	94.4% $\pm$ 3.1%	94.0% $\pm$ 2.9%

\* Immunization coverage for individual antigens is unavailable for students with Personal Beliefs Exemptions and therefore may be underestimated;

Anecdotal evidence suggests a small percentage of students may have some but not all required immunizations.

1. Four or more doses of any diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccines including diphtheria and tetanus toxoids, and any acellular pertussis vaccine
2. Three or more doses of any poliovirus vaccine
3. Two or more doses of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines, separately or combined on or after the 1st birthday
4. Three or more doses of hepatitis B vaccine
5. One or more doses of varicella vaccine, adjusted for history of varicella disease