

Kindergarten Immunization Rates in Kansas

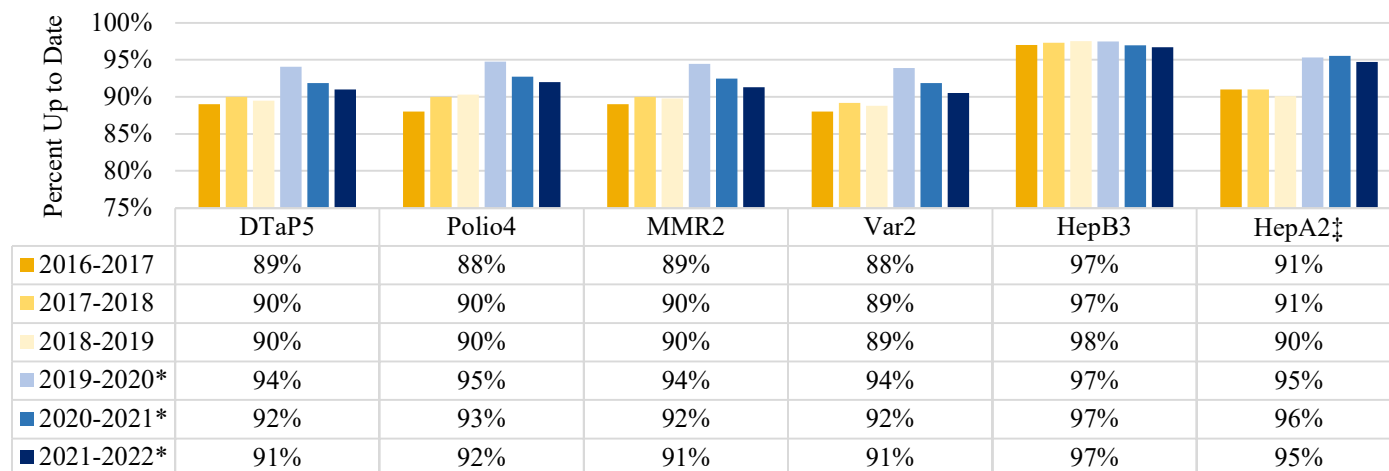
Kansas School Entry Requirements

<i>Vaccine</i>	<i>Diseases Prevented</i>	<i>Number of Doses</i>	<i>Reference</i>
<i>DTaP</i>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	5 doses or 4 doses considered appropriate if 4 th given on/after 4 th birthday	DTaP5
<i>IPV</i>	Polio	4 doses or 3 doses considered appropriate if 3 rd given on/after 4 th birthday	IPV4/Polio4
<i>MMR</i>	Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2 doses	MMR2
<i>VAR</i>	Varicella	2 doses or history of disease	VAR2
<i>HepB</i>	Hepatitis B	3 doses	HepB3
<i>HepA</i>	Hepatitis A	2 doses	HepA2‡

‡HepA2 became a required vaccination in the 2019-2020 academic year.

Upon kindergarten entry, K.S.A. 72-6262 requires documentation of vaccinations required for school entry.

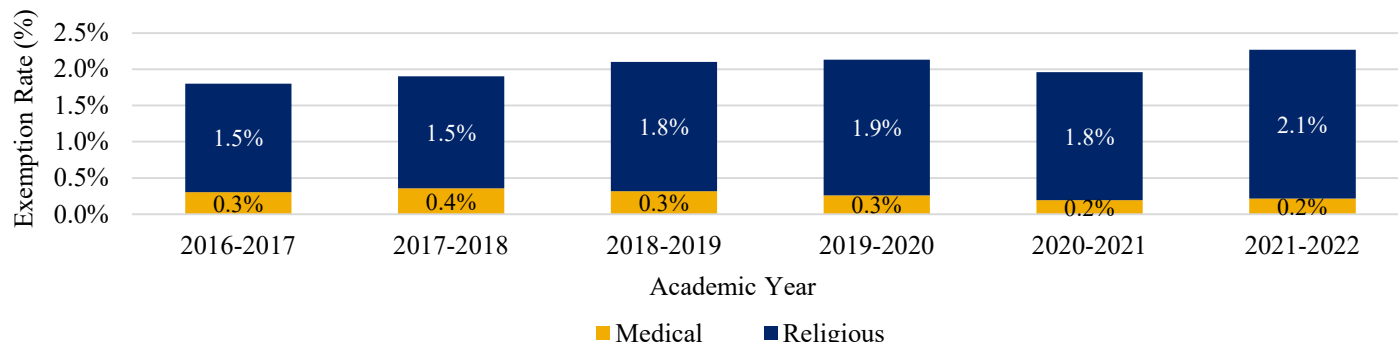
Kansas Kindergarten Immunization Rates by Vaccine Type and Academic Year



*Estimates from the 2019-2020 academic year and after cannot be directly compared to estimates from previous years. The assessment methodology changed to school district based versus county based. In addition, the 60th day of school became the assessment point rather than the first day of school. The assessment point was changed to provide coverage estimates that incorporate grace periods used by schools to allow children to become in compliance for vaccinations.

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Kansas Kindergarten Vaccine Exemptions by Type and Academic Year



In Kansas, there are two legal alternatives to required vaccines in K.S.A. 72-6262, medical and religious exemptions. Medical exemptions must be renewed annually by a licensed physician stating that the vaccination(s) would seriously endanger the health of the child. Religious exemptions must be signed by a parent or guardian stating the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose teachings oppose vaccination upon school entry.

For additional information about immunizations in Kansas, please visit <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/214/>.