Time for Kindergarten!
Back to school vaccination update.

Kids grow up too fast! What they don't outgrow is the need for vaccinations. Vaccines help protect students against vaccine-preventable diseases. Don't forget to add vaccinations to your back-to-school list.

**Vaccination protects more than just the students!**

- Students and their peers
- Teachers and school staff
- Students' families
- Montanans

**2016-2017 Kindergarten Vaccination Rates**

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11,956 children enrolled in public and private kindergartens for the '16-'17 school year

387 public and private schools that have kindergarten were included in the '16-'17 school immunization assessment

Over 9 out of 10 kindergarteners are vaccinated

**Exemptions to Vaccine Requirements**

- No Exemption (96%)
- Medical or Religious (3.7%)

444 kindergarteners had a religious or medical exemption.

Medical and religious exemptions were combined because of small numbers. Medical exemptions were <1% and religious exemptions were approximately 3%.

Talk to your healthcare provider or local health department to check immunization status and to answer your immunization questions.

Data retrieved from the annual school immunization assessment which is conducted each fall to monitor compliance with school immunization requirements.