

# CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS SAVE LIVES

## BACKGROUND:

- Vaccine preventable disease levels are near record lows.
- Only 75% of American children are up-to-date with their vaccinations by the time they are 2 years of age.
- Only 35% of children in the U.S. have had all immunizations on time in accordance with national guidelines.



## BARRIERS TO VACCINES:

- Personal beliefs
- Mistrust of government
- Religion
- Vaccine hesitancy
- Limited access to care
- Uninsured

## WHY VACCINATE?

- Highly effective and easy way to keep your family healthy.
- Helps to provide immunity *before* children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases.
- Herd Immunity- large population who is not susceptible to being infected with a disease because of being vaccinated.
- Prevent outbreaks.

## LONG TERM EFFECTS OF UNVACCINATION

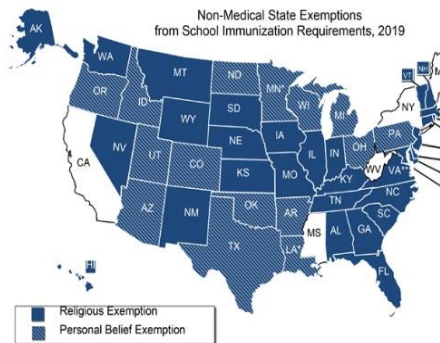
- Preventable outbreaks
- Deaths
- Increased health care costs

## NY STATE LAW ON VACCINATION

- Mandatory vaccination legislation varies state to state.
- **NY Senate Bill 2994 (June 2019):** or school immunization requirements.
- State laws establish vaccination requirements for school children.
- All states remove the religious exemption require children to be vaccinated against certain communicable diseases as a condition for school attendance (unless medically exempt).

## FEDERAL LAW ON VACCINATION

- No U.S. Vaccination law exists.
- **House Bill Report EHB 1638:** Removes philosophical or personal objection exemption for the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine.

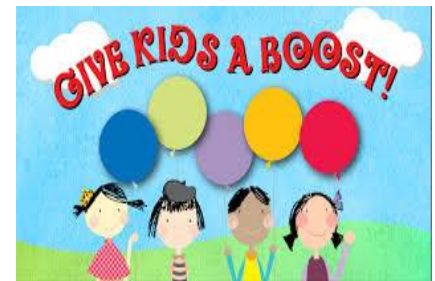
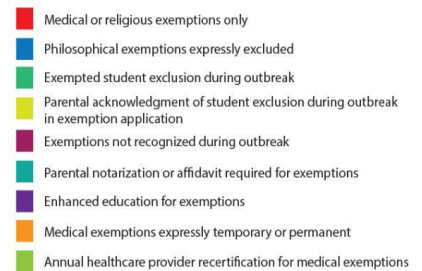
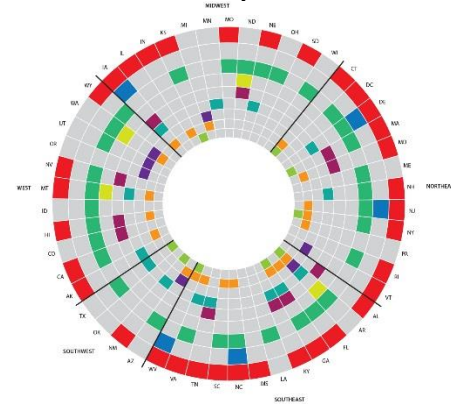


## WAYS TO PROMOTE VACCINATION

- Education about vaccines and vaccine safety.
- Cultivate a trusting relationship between provider and patient.
- Eliminate false publications on vaccine associated diseases.

## POLAR GRAPH ON STATE SCHOOL VACCINATION EXEMPTION LAWS

- Nine attributes in school vaccination exemption laws.



## CONCLUSION

- Vaccines offer the best protection against devastating and preventable diseases like measles.
- There is a lot of variability from state to state on mandatory vaccinations.
- Vaccine preventable disease can save lives and decrease health care costs.

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