



# Benton County Health Department

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Dear Administrator:

The purpose of this letter is to share local area immunization rates with you. You must share these **local area immunization rates** and **your own school or children's facility rates** in three ways:

1. On your school or children's facility website,
2. In your main office, and
3. With parents, in electronic or paper format, such as an email, newsletter, or mailed copy.

You are required to share these rates twice a year:

- Within 30 days after the start of school, and
- Within 30 days after the February immunization exclusion day. *Rates were not available in time to meet the March 2017 deadline. Post as soon as possible.*

### What do you need to do this year?

- *If you have already shared your site's immunization rates this year*, please post these local rate graphs to your website now. Send both sets of rates; your own facility rates and the local rates, to parents this fall within 30 days after the start of school.
- *If you have not shared your site's immunization rates this year*, we encourage you to share both sets of rates, your own facility rates and the local rates, by the end of the school year.
- If you need help in calculating your site's immunization rates, go to [www.healthoregon.org/immdata](http://www.healthoregon.org/immdata). On this website you can find your site's rates and make a graph.
- All schools and children's facilities with 10 or more children are expected to comply with the requirements at these two time points starting next school year.

### Do you need to share both of the local area graphs?

- If your school only has grades K – 12, you only need to share the school-aged graph.
- If you only report on immunizations for children younger than school age, then you only need to share the younger than school age graph.
- If you have both age groups, you need to share both graphs. For example, a site that has a preschool and a kindergarten will need to share both graphs.

### What if parents have questions?

There is a question and answer sheet for parents available in English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Vietnamese at this website: [www.healthoregon.org/immdata](http://www.healthoregon.org/immdata)

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the new requirements.

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