

Idahoans overwhelmingly believe in the safety and effectiveness of vaccines — and for good reason.<sup>10</sup>



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WHAT IDAHOANS **NEED TO KNOW!**



**89%** of Idahoans believe vaccines are safe and **90%** believe that they are effective when received as directed.<sup>10</sup>



**60%** of Idahoans strongly oppose loosening immunization requirements.<sup>11</sup>

People have the right to know that they're safe from vaccine-preventable disease.

Here in Idaho, protection of our children is a value that we hold close. We also value the ability of individual choice and access to factual information to base these decisions upon. Even though 89% of Idahoans believe that vaccines are safe, coverage rates of some vaccine-preventable diseases are below the thresholds needed to ensure that Idaho children and families are protected.<sup>10</sup>

Let's work together to make sure we all feel safe and live in healthy, happy communities. It's an incredible freedom to enjoy public places without the worry of contracting a dangerous, preventable illness.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON IMMUNIZATIONS

**IMMUNIZATIONS SAVE LIVES** and are the standard of care for millions of Americans.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://64gbq3vj11cj3312zkxv10k-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/VYF-Handout\\_For-patients\\_How-Do-We-Know-Vaccines-are-Safe\\_August2018.pdf](https://64gbq3vj11cj3312zkxv10k-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/VYF-Handout_For-patients_How-Do-We-Know-Vaccines-are-Safe_August2018.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/protecting-children/index.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.vaccinateyourfamily.org/questions-about-vaccines/outbreaks-of-vaccine-preventable-diseases/>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/hpv/index.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fvpd-vac%2Fhpv%2Fdefault.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/hpv/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fvpd-vac%2Fhpv%2Fdefault.htm)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial.html>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.vaccinateyourfamily.org/questions-about-vaccines/outbreaks-of-vaccine-preventable-diseases/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/additives.htm>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/why-vaccinate/vaccine-decision.html>

<sup>9</sup> [https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/Idaho%20Immunizations/Schools/2018\\_2019\\_MultiYear\\_SIRStatewideSummary.pdf](https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Health/Idaho%20Immunizations/Schools/2018_2019_MultiYear_SIRStatewideSummary.pdf)

<sup>10</sup> Edelman Intelligence Survey Data in collaboration with Get Immunized, Idaho, November 2018

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# IT IS TIME TO STOP THE INFECTIOUS SPREAD OF FALSE CLAIMS.

A small number of vocal people acting in opposition to vaccines have twisted the research and are making bold claims with no backing.

We hope the information provided will equip you to help stop the spread of misinformation about immunizations. By sharing accurate information, you are helping to ensure that Idahoans are immunized and protected against vaccine-preventable diseases.

## SAFE AND NECESSARY

Vaccines are the safest, most effective and easiest way to prevent disease and one of the most thoroughly tested medical products available in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

Most Americans have never experienced these diseases because of vaccines.<sup>2</sup>

**If we stop vaccinating because we don't see a particular disease in our community, that disease will make a comeback.**

**Measles can cause irreparable damage to the immune system and potential long-term brain damage.<sup>3</sup>** The U.S. is facing losing its measles-free status because people are not being immunized.

**Chicken pox can leave a child vulnerable for shingles as an adult.** Shingles is painful and can result in permanent nerve damage.

**1 out of 4 Americans will get HPV.** This preventable disease often leads to cervical cancer, throat cancer and genital warts.<sup>4</sup>

Meningitis can cause permanent disabilities, such as brain damage, hearing loss and learning disabilities.<sup>5</sup>

Whooping cough causes as many as 20 infant/baby fatalities in the U.S. each year.<sup>6</sup>

## THESE DISEASES ARE DANGEROUS, BUT PREVENTABLE WITH VACCINES.

Ensuring children receive vaccinations on time throughout their childhood is essential to creating immunity before exposure to life-threatening diseases. Doctors and researchers have studied the effects of receiving a combination of vaccines or multiple vaccines at the same time, and the data overwhelmingly shows it is safe.

Today's vaccines use only the ingredients they need to be safe and effective.<sup>7</sup> Vaccine ingredients, whether part of making the vaccine, helping our bodies develop immunity, or ensuring a safe, effective product, play necessary roles that have been tested for safety.<sup>8</sup>

## COMMUNITY IMMUNITY

If Idahoans are not immunized, Idaho is not protected.



The decision to delay or reject vaccines is not just a personal choice. **It affects everyone you interact with in your daily life.**

**93% to 95% of our population needs to be immunized to ensure a healthy community.** Unfortunately, there are clusters of unimmunized people in Idaho and some Idaho school districts have reported immunization rates as low as **33.3%.<sup>9</sup>** **We must increase this number. It is critical to the well-being of Idahoans.**

