

School Immunization Survey: Beginning 2012-13 School Year

OVERVIEW

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General Description:

This dataset contains aggregate data from Schools in New York State regarding the immunization status of all the students attending the school. Included are county and New York State summaries of aggregate data.

New York State Public Health Law Section 2164 (PHL Section 2164) requires that children attending public and private school in New York State be immunized against the diseases cited in PHL Section 2164. PHL Section 2164 also requires schools to annually submit a summary of the immunization status of the students attending school.

The purpose of conducting an annual immunization survey is to identify and monitor under-immunized children attending school to ensure high immunization coverage rates which will reduce or eliminate vaccine preventable diseases in the New York State population.

Data Methodology:

The School Immunization Survey data is reported via the Bureau of Immunization Online School Assessment Survey (OSAS) in the Health Commerce System (HCS).

New York City public schools report the immunization status of all students via the Automate the Schools system (ATS). The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene provides the aggregate data by district to the New York State Department of Health.

Children are considered immunized against a particular disease if they have received all required doses for their grade or, as appropriate, if they have documented immunity of disease through serologic testing. Serologic evidence of immunity is only allowed for measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and poliomyelitis (must be positive for all 3 serotypes found in the polio vaccine). Additionally, a physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant statement demonstrating that a child had varicella (chickenpox) may satisfy evidence of varicella immunity.

Valid medical or religious exemptions to one or more required immunizations are allowed under PHL Section 2164.

Limitations of Use:

The data is self-reported by the Schools. Data is presented by percent to eliminate confidentiality issues for schools with a small number of students. The data for the individual public schools in New York City is not reported separately from the school district data.