

## 2008 Expanded Kindergarten Retrospective Survey Results

The Expanded Kindergarten Retrospective Survey is one of the only sources of information on childhood immunization coverage at the local level. A number of local health departments conducted this survey in 2008.

The Immunization Branch worked with local health departments to select a sample of kindergarten schools to be surveyed. Local health department staff visited these schools and collected copies of kindergarten student immunization records for review.

Birth dates and immunization dates were used to retrospectively estimate immunization coverage rates at 24 months of age among these kindergarten students. The immunization coverage rates in the selected counties are shown in the Table. For more information, please contact the appropriate local health department.

For the 2009 kindergarten retrospective survey we are planning to look closely at the immunization data that schools have for students with personal beliefs exemptions (PBEs). Currently, schools do not report immunization data to CDPH for students with PBEs, even though such students may have received some vaccines. CDPH would like to learn more about what a PBE means in California, e.g., are most such students wholly unvaccinated or are they receiving some vaccines (and if so, which vaccines are they receiving?). Obtaining this information will allow us to better target our educational efforts for parents.

Table: Immunization Coverage at 24 months of age among Current Kindergarten Students in Selected Schools, 2008

County	Sample Size (n)	4:3:1 <sup>1</sup>	4:3:1:-:3 <sup>2</sup>	4:3:1:-:3:1 <sup>3</sup>
Contra Costa	712	81.0%	79.0%	76.0%
Sacramento	1,581	72.9%	69.8%	62.3%
San Diego	3179	79.0%	76.0%	72.0%
Santa Clara	1,319	83.7%	80.4%	73.9%
Tulare	1,478	71.2%	69.5%	66.6%

1. Four or more doses of DTaP, three or more doses of Polio, and one or more doses of MMR

2. Four or more doses of DTaP, three or more doses of Polio, one or more doses of MMR, and three or more doses of Hep B

3. Four or more doses of DTaP, three or more doses of Polio, one or more doses of MMR, three or more doses of Hep B, and one or more doses of varicella

Source: 2008 Expanded Kindergarten Retrospective Surveys

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## “How is California Doing?” Fact Sheet Revised

This fact sheet shows that childhood vaccination coverage in California is at or near all-time levels. The “How is California Doing?” fact sheet is also available at [http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Documents/HowisCA01\\_09.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Documents/HowisCA01_09.pdf)