



**Supplemental Item
April 2, 2014 Meeting**

DATE: March 28, 2014

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Update on Orange County's Measles Outbreak

Providing full immunization to all children by age two has been a long-time goal of health providers and the Commission, and it continues to be a difficult challenge to achieve. This week, information on the increase on the number of cases of measles, and the increase of the number of parents who sign immunization waivers (Attachment), was covered by the local media. As of March 27, Orange County has twenty-one confirmed cases of measles in 2014, the most reported by any county in California. The Health Care Agency expects that the measles outbreak will continue to spread, and reminds the public that the best way to prevent the measles is by getting vaccinated. Commission staff and grantees are assisting the Health Care Agency in providing educational information to our providers to share with families that they serve.

Over the past 15 years, the Commission has sponsored several projects to help achieve full immunization of young children including:

- Supporting the use of the Immunization Registry, specifically with the community clinics and School Readiness Nurses
- Promoting immunization messaging through a Spring Health campaign and other venues
- Working with the California Chapter 4, American Academy of Pediatrics, Vaccine Steering Committee to support efforts to address vaccine refusal
- Providing resource materials and support to grantees, including School Readiness Nurses, to assist them in talking to parents about the importance of vaccinations

Dr. David Núñez, Medical Director of the Orange County Health Care Agency - Family Health Division, will provide an update on the status of local efforts to address the recent measles outbreak.

ATTACHMENT:
Kindergartners with All Required Immunizations: 2013

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| Locations | Percent |
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| Orange County | 89.3% |
| Anaheim City (School District) | 98.1% |
| Brea-Olinda Unified (School District) | 94.9% |
| Buena Park Elementary (School District) | 95.9% |
| Capistrano Unified (School District) | 75.2% |
| Centralia Elementary (School District) | 94.8% |
| Cypress Elementary (School District) | 92.9% |
| Fountain Valley Elementary (School District) | 94.7% |
| Fullerton Elementary (School District) | 94.1% |
| Garden Grove Unified (School District) | 96.7% |
| Huntington Beach City Elementary (School District) | 88.9% |
| Irvine Unified (School District) | 89.9% |
| La Habra City Elementary (School District) | 93.1% |
| Laguna Beach Unified (School District) | 75.6% |
| Los Alamitos Unified (School District) | 94.9% |
| Magnolia Elementary (School District) | 96.5% |
| Newport-Mesa Unified (School District) | 86.1% |
| Ocean View (School District) | 95.1% |
| Orange Unified (School District) | 86.8% |
| Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified (School District) | 92.5% |
| Saddleback Valley Unified (School District) | 86.5% |
| Santa Ana Unified (School District) | 91.3% |
| Savanna Elementary (School District) | 90.5% |
| Tustin Unified (School District) | 89.3% |
| Westminster Elementary (School District) | 94.6% |

Definition: Percentage of children in kindergarten with all required immunizations.

Data Source: As cited on kidsdata.org, California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch, Kindergarten Assessment Results (Oct. 2013).

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Note: Immunizations are measured by the number and percentage of kindergarteners who received all required immunizations by the time they start school.