

2016 Child Care Annual Immunization Survey

All licensed and registered child care facilities and homes are required by Vermont law to complete and submit an annual immunization survey to the Vermont Department of Health. In addition, annual aggregate immunization rates for all *licensed* child care facilities must be made public, per legislative changes made in 2015.

In 2015-16, 65.4% of all licensed and registered child care facilities completed the annual immunization survey. This is far less than the 100% response rates for Vermont schools. Of the facilities that completed the survey, 47% were licensed (center-based) and 53% were registered (family home) facilities.

Those facilities reporting represented 14,896 children younger than age five, receiving care (full or part-time) in Vermont's child care facilities. A vast majority of children were vaccinated. Survey results indicate that 92.8% were up-to-date on all required vaccines for their age. According to the survey, 3.5% of children were provisionally admitted, meaning they were not up-to-date on all required vaccines and did not have a signed exemption. The rate of non-medical exemptions was 0.5% for religious and 3.0% for philosophical. The medical exemption rate was 0.1%.

In an effort to make the Child Care Annual Immunization Survey easier to access and complete, the survey will be conducted by the DCF Child Development Division, beginning in Fall 2016.

Immunization rates for licensed facilities in compliance with the reporting requirement can be viewed on the [Immunization Surveillance Data webpage](#).