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Dear Principal, Headmaster, or Administrator,

Vermont Law requires all students to be immunized, unless exempt, prior to school entry. In 2012, statutory changes were passed that require annual aggregate reporting of immunization data for the entire student body to be made publicly available. The Vermont Department of Health receives population-based immunization information from each Vermont school annually by January 1<sup>st</sup> and reviews the data to ensure it is accurate.

Enclosed please find 2015-16 immunization rates for your school with a statewide comparison. In order to comply with Vermont law, we ask that you make these rates publicly available. Through the efforts of schools, health care providers and parents, the percent of children entering kindergarten who are fully immunized increased to 89.7%. Also, kindergarten students who were provisionally admitted dropped to its lowest level in years (4.2%)

The Immunization Program has placed 2015-16 school immunization rates for all schools on the Health Department webpage. We encourage you to provide a link to this data on your school website: <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/ImmSurv.aspx>

As you may recall, in 2015 the Vermont Legislature eliminated Vermont's philosophic exemption from school and child care immunizations, effective July 1, 2016. Information and new forms for school year 2016-17 are on our webpage <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>

For questions related to compliance with the school immunization law or general vaccine questions please contact the Immunization Program at [AHS.VDHImmunizationProgram@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHImmunizationProgram@vermont.gov) or 1-800-640-4374.

Thank-you for your interest and support in ensuring Vermont children are protected from vaccine preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Finley".

Christine Finley  
Immunization Program Manager



# IMMUNIZATION RATES for SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016

## St. Albans City School

Immunizations are required for enrollment in all Vermont schools in order to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The Vermont Legislature passed a requirement in 2012, that all schools must make immunization rates for the student body available to the public. The information below identifies the percentage of students who have been fully vaccinated, and the percentage fully vaccinated for each individual vaccine. For purposes of comparison, the percentage of all Vermont students enrolled in kindergarten and seventh grade who received the required vaccines is also presented. A complete list of Vermont school immunization rates may be found at: <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/ImmSurv.aspx>

Vaccine	Vaccination Rate for St. Albans City School	Statewide Vaccination Rate for Kindergarten	Statewide Vaccination Rate for 7 <sup>th</sup> grade
DTaP/Tdap <sup>i</sup>	96.1%	93.6%	93.4%
Polio <sup>ii</sup>	98.2%	93.8%	97.1%
MMR <sup>iii</sup>	98.4%	93.6%	97.3%
Hep B <sup>iv</sup>	98.8%	94.3%	96.6%
Varicella <sup>v</sup>	97.0%	91.9%	96.5%
Meningococcal <sup>vi</sup>	N/A	N/A	88.5%
Fully Immunized <sup>vii</sup>	93.9%	89.7%	90.8%

- <sup>i</sup> DTaP/Tdap - DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) 5 doses, and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) 1 dose in grades 7 through 12
- <sup>ii</sup> Polio - 4 doses
- <sup>iii</sup> MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) - 2 doses
- <sup>iv</sup> Hep B - (hepatitis B) - 3 doses
- <sup>v</sup> Varicella (chickenpox) - 2 doses or documentation of history of disease
- <sup>vi</sup> Meningococcal - 1 dose for residential students in grades 7 through 12
- <sup>vii</sup> Fully Immunized - percentage of students meeting all vaccine and dose requirements

\*\*\*Immunization data for schools with an enrollment of six or fewer students are not reported in order to protect confidentiality.