Support Oregon parents, children, patients, health care providers and public health advocates

Vote YES on House Bill 3063

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Oregon faces a serious public health crisis 7.5% of children in kindergarten are unvaccinated.
- Vaccination protects children and those at significant risk of infection – this includes babies too young to be vaccinated and individuals with medical conditions that preclude vaccination.
- Community immunity is at risk vaccinated children are a crucial part of the entire community's defense against vaccine-preventable diseases, Oregon's current vaccination rates make all of us more vulnerable to disease.
- Vaccines save lives vaccines offer the best known protection against a number of devastating illnesses.
- No credible scientific study has ever found a link between autism and vaccines.

HOUSE BILL 3063 IS THE BI-PARTISAN SOLUTION:

- By eliminating the non-medical exemption from school immunization law, Oregon can increase vaccination rates and save lives.
- This bill does not take away a parent's rights to make decisions about their children's healthcare - it only requires that children be vaccinated in order to attend school to protect the health of other students, teachers, staff and our community.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact: Dale Penn, CFM at <u>dalep@cfmpdx.com</u>.

Please join us in supporting

House Bill 3063



<u> The Journey of Your Child's Vaccine</u>



2016-2017 Oregon K-12 School Vaccination Rates



*Not all immunizations are required for all grades. These numbers may not total 100% if some children have medical exemptions, or are incomplete or in process with immunizations but do not need an exemption because they are on schedule, or less than 18 months

When a child goes unvaccinated, he puts other children at risk



CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

"Vaccinations are safe, proven and effective"

Raising a child means you'd do anything to help them grow up healthy and safe.

You watch as they explore new places and baby-proof your home against potential hazards.

But what about the hazards you can't see that can cause serious illness, disability or even death in young children?

Immunization gives you the power to protect your baby from 14 serious childhood diseases. No matter what parenting challenges come your way, there are <u>many reasons to vaccinate</u>.

Vaccines are one of the top public health achievements because they have reduced or even eliminated many diseases. Thanks to vaccines, most young parents have never seen the devastating effects diseases like polio, measles or whooping cough (pertussis) can have on a child, family, or community.

It's easy to think these are diseases of the past, but they still exist. Children in the United States can – and do – still get some of these diseases. In fact, when vaccination rates are low in a community, it's not uncommon to have an outbreak.