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Dear Principal and/or Superintendent:

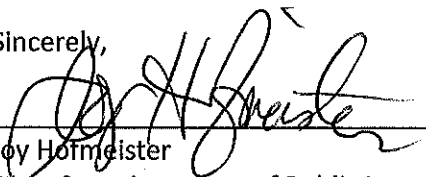
The Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) are partnering to conduct the 2018-19 statewide kindergarten immunization survey. This survey measures both the percentage of kindergarten students protected against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, and varicella through compliance with school entry vaccination requirements, and the percentage of students in compliance with Oklahoma's School Immunization Law through filed exemptions. Attached you will find a summary of the 2017-18 Oklahoma kindergarten immunization survey results. Your school's participation in this survey is essential to monitor trends in immunization coverage among children, and to drive public health program activities to target vaccination efforts in the state. If you would like a summary of last year's results submitted by your school, please contact the OSDH Acute Disease Service (ADS) at 1-800-234-5963, or by e-mail at ksurvey@health.ok.gov.

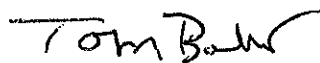
Similar to last year, the survey will be conducted through REDCap, a secure, web-based data collection system. Attached is a copy of the instructions to complete the survey in REDCap. Once the person assigned to complete this survey has compiled and counted vaccination and exemption coverage, they can access the survey at <https://is.gd/1819KGIMMSurvey>. Schools may either complete the excel file attached within RedCap or upload a report with student specific vaccination data from the school's immunization system. It is preferable for your school nurse or other designated school staff member familiar with the review and entry of vaccination records to complete this survey.

The deadline for completion of this survey is **December 14, 2018**. Please do not delay completing the survey even if all of your students are not up-to-date on their immunizations. The intent of this survey is to assess immunization coverage of kindergarteners and compliance statewide, not the performance of individual schools.

We appreciate your continuing efforts to ensure all students meet immunization requirements. If you have questions regarding Immunization compliance, please contact the OSDH Immunization Service at 1-800-234-6196. If you have questions regarding REDCap, please contact the OSDH ADS at 1-800-234-5963. Questions for both OSDH ADS and the Immunization Service can be submitted by e-mail to ksurvey@health.ok.gov.

Sincerely,


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State Superintendent of Public Instruction


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