



April 26 - May 3 is National Infant Immunization Week

Talk to your health care provider and get the facts: Studies show that the more parents learn about the importance of immunizations, the more likely they are to get their children immunized against preventable, potentially deadly diseases.

- Infants are especially vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases because of their developing immune systems.
- Childhood immunizations are safe, effective and vital. They protect our kids from dangerous infectious diseases like measles, mumps, rubella and more.



Physicians, nurses, and educators agree —
Keep your family healthy.
Get your children immunized!

Putting Michigan Kids First National Infant Immunization Week

Each year, **hundreds of children in Michigan** become ill from diseases that could have been prevented with a simple vaccine.

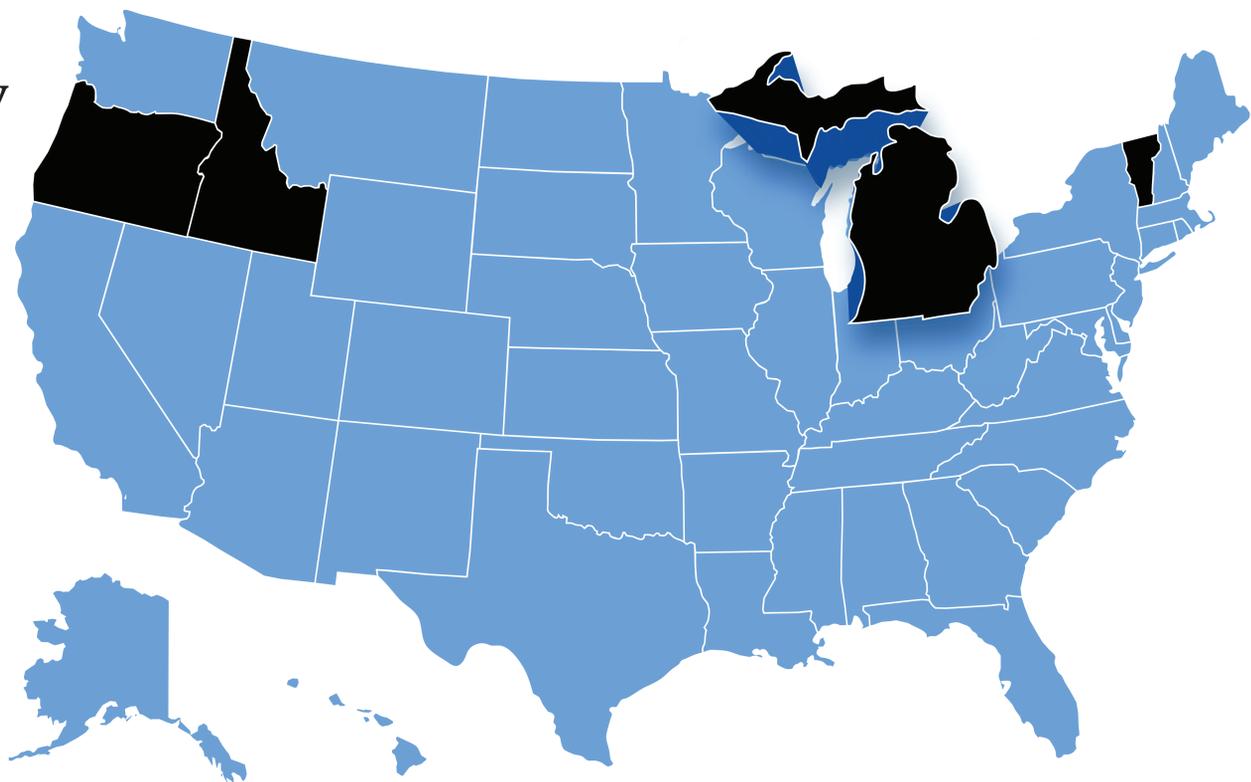
Michigan parents are among the most likely in the nation to opt-out of immunizing their children, leading to outbreaks of preventable, life-threatening childhood diseases.

- Michigan ranks **4th highest in the nation**, with **5.3%** of parents simply choosing not to immunize their children by obtaining a “non-medical exemption.”

- **Michigan is one of only 4 states** in the nation with a non-medical exemption rate over 5%. Only Idaho, Vermont and Oregon have higher non-medical exemption rates.

- Last year alone, Michigan saw nearly **1,000 cases of whooping cough**.

- Non-medical exemptions increase the risk of outbreaks in diseases like diphtheria, measles, mumps, pertussis, polio, rubella, smallpox and more.



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