Recent focus on potential COVID-19 vaccine requirements has raised questions on the broader role of school and child care vaccine requirements. These requirements have helped support historically high vaccination rates and have kept deadly diseases like measles and polio out of our schools and communities for decades.

What Vaccines Are Required?

K-12 and child care entry law in Colorado requires these vaccines to be administered according to the CDC's recommended vaccine schedule.

- Tdap/DTaP
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Hepatitis B
- Polio
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

9% of CO's kindergartners aren't vaccinated against MMR (2019-2020)

This is incredibly dangerous, as measles is among the most contagious vaccine-preventable diseases.

1978 was the first year that Colorado required vaccines for school and child care entry.
**Why Do We Require Vaccines for School?**

### Vaccinating one birth cohort in the US...

- Prevents 42,000 early deaths
- Saves $13.5 billion in direct health care costs
- Prevents 20 million cases of disease

### Is Anyone Exempt?

ALL states require vaccinations for school entry. Colorado does have an exemption process for Medical and Non-Medical reasons.

The less vaccinated our children are, the more vulnerable everyone is.