

1,153 Deaths from Pneumonia and Influenza During the 2019 - 2020 Flu Season

Source: Texas Influenza Surveillance Summer Report 2019-2020 Season/2020 MMWR Week 32

Percent of Students with Non-Medical Exemptions Filed

County	2015- 2016	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	% Point Difference Between 2015-2020
State Total	0.84%	0.97%	1.07%	1.20%	1.35%	0.51%
Bastrop	1.08%	1.37%	1.39%	1.56%	1.71%	0.63%
Bell	0.71%	0.79%	0.91%	1.25%	1.36%	0.65%
Blanco	3.06%	3.46%	3.52%	3.17%	4.04%	0.98%
Bosque	0.68%	0.93%	0.78%	1.48%	1.62%	0.94%
Brazos	0.76%	0.76%	0.76%	0.89%	0.98%	0.22%
Burleson	0.19%	0.19%	0.40%	0.76%	0.55%	0.36%
Burnet	2.21%	2.44%	2.64%	3.28%	3.42%	1.21%
Caldwell	1.07%	1.26%	1.35%	1.19%	1.46%	0.39%
Coryell	0.74%	0.47%	1.01%	1.25%	1.60%	0.86%
Falls	0.23%	0.43%	0.14%	0.14%	0.18%	-0.05%
Fayette	0.92%	0.89%	0.49%	1.06%	1.17%	0.25%
Freestone	0.76%	0.86%	0.99%	1.33%	1.54%	0.78%
Grimes	0.61%	0.85%	0.95%	1.06%	1.37%	0.76%
Hamilton	0.87%	0.69%	0.96%	1.93%	1.63%	0.76%
Hays	1.96%	2.20%	2.09%	2.04%	2.51%	0.55%
Hill	0.54%	0.66%	0.75%	0.94%	1.05%	0.51%
Lampasas	1.46%	1.74%	2.02%	2.45%	2.36%	0.90%
Lee	0.76%	0.65%	0.81%	1.06%	0.63%	-0.13%
Leon	0.26%	0.78%	0.90%	0.51%	1.14%	0.88%
Limestone	0.32%	0.36%	0.47%	0.26%	0.41%	0.09%
Llano	1.38%	1.35%	1.28%	1.49%	2.17%	0.79%
Madison	0.40%	0.40%	0.71%	0.55%	0.40%	0.00%
McLennan	0.35%	0.48%	0.56%	0.78%	1.15%	0.80%
Milam	0.73%	0.66%	0.64%	0.96%	1.04%	0.31%
Mills	1.65%	1.61%	1.97%	1.48%	1.14%	-0.51%
Robertson	0.26%	0.35%	0.29%	0.54%	0.90%	0.64%
San Saba	0.67%	1.11%	1.85%	1.90%	1.40%	0.73%
Travis	2.30%	2.45%	2.72%	2.42%	2.31%	0.01%
Washington	0.79%	0.43%	0.83%	0.95%	1.11%	0.32%
Williamson	1.83%	2.66%	2.68%	2.33%	3.18%	1.35%

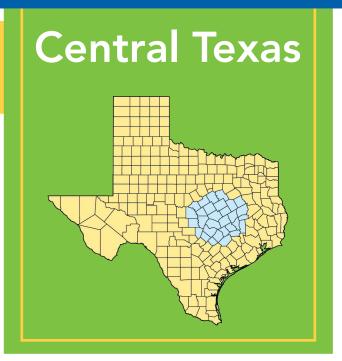
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The anti-vax movement threatens public health and spills over into so many other spheres—people are willing to support political candidates who are otherwise not aligned with them.

- Parent in Austin, TX

We only have one clinic, so appointments fill up quick.

- Parent in Cameron, TX



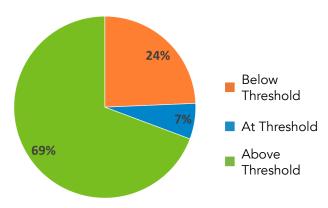
I'm afraid that kids that are not vaccinated or that are not following precautions can infect other kids in the classroom.

- Parent in Austin, TX

My concern is in the area where I work at school, which is a vulnerable population and many students are delinquent on their immunizations or under vaccinated. Plus that these communities are already more prone due to COVID-19, I am wondering how they can ever catch up.

- Parent in Austin, TX

Community Immunity Threshold for Measles:
Percent of ISDs in Central Texas





824 Deaths from Pneumonia and Influenza During the 2019 - 2020 Flu Season

Source: Texas Influenza Surveillance Summer Report 2019-2020 Season/2020 MMWR Week 32

Percent of Students with Non-Medical Exemptions Filed

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County	2015- 2016	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	% Point Difference Between 2015-2020
State Total	0.84%	0.97%	1.07%	1.20%	1.35%	0.51%
Anderson	0.35%	0.50%	0.75%	0.94%	1.00%	0.65%
Angelina	0.70%	0.63%	0.67%	0.82%	0.96%	0.26%
Bowie	1.17%	1.30%	1.28%	1.39%	1.34%	0.17%
Camp	0.00%	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%	0.26%	0.26%
Cass	0.57%	0.56%	0.74%	0.65%	1.62%	1.05%
Cherokee	0.36%	0.39%	0.49%	0.52%	0.48%	0.12%
Delta	1.61%	1.68%	1.17%	1.46%	1.08%	-0.53%
Franklin	0.75%	0.83%	0.64%	0.57%	0.53%	-0.22%
Gregg	0.95%	0.87%	1.11%	1.32%	1.28%	0.33%
Harrison	0.49%	0.62%	0.78%	0.99%	0.86%	0.37%
Henderson	0.84%	1.10%	1.30%	1.48%	1.65%	0.81%
Hopkins	0.77%	0.94%	1.02%	0.88%	1.17%	0.40%
Houston	0.57%	0.77%	1.07%	1.34%	1.32%	0.75%
Jasper	0.64%	1.02%	1.38%	1.74%	2.05%	1.41%
Lamar	0.75%	0.90%	1.11%	1.43%	1.62%	0.87%
Marion	0.42%	1.00%	1.14%	1.65%	1.97%	1.55%
Morris	0.11%	0.16%	0.28%	0.51%	0.34%	0.23%
Nacogdoches	1.25%	1.32%	0.80%	1.34%	1.06%	-0.19%
Newton	1.35%	1.10%	1.48%	1.94%	1.39%	0.04%
Panola	0.49%	0.65%	0.78%	1.12%	1.15%	0.66%
Polk	0.54%	0.48%	0.76%	0.91%	0.57%	0.03%
Rains	2.85%	1.96%	0.00%	2.25%	2.66%	-0.19%
Red River	1.21%	1.15%	0.85%	1.06%	0.67%	-0.54%
Rusk	0.27%	0.41%	0.50%	0.74%	0.95%	0.68%
Sabine	0.67%	0.83%	1.33%	1.68%	1.98%	1.31%
San Augustine	0.49%	0.58%	0.37%	0.66%	1.42%	0.93%
San Jacinto	0.58%	0.62%	0.57%	0.85%	1.19%	0.61%
Shelby	0.17%	0.19%	0.41%	0.44%	0.59%	0.42%
Smith	0.92%	1.14%	1.42%	1.60%	2.00%	1.08%
Titus	0.50%	0.33%	0.36%	0.42%	0.31%	-0.19%
Trinity	0.45%	0.41%	0.90%	0.65%	1.37%	0.92%
Tyler	0.65%	1.01%	1.07%	1.34%	1.45%	0.80%
Upshur	0.91%	1.08%	1.57%	1.87%	2.04%	1.13%
Van Zandt	1.22%	1.59%	1.65%	1.73%	2.19%	0.97%
Wood	1.08%	0.98%	0.96%	1.26%	1.64%	0.56%
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I think it is our duty as a parent to protect our children. If a parent chooses not to vaccinate their child they should not be able to attend public school.

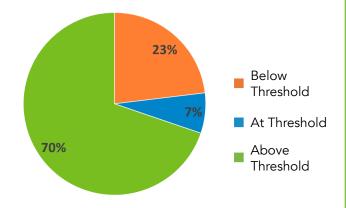
- Parent in Nacogdoches, TX



The anti-vaccination community is loud and well-organized. I was sent a presentation from a school nurse that contained peer-reviewed articles with the author's distorted graphics and quotes which were edited to manipulate the reader. When even health professionals have to investigate false materials because they're so well produced - that's a concern. Any average person who doesn't work in healthcare or who doesn't have the knowledge of how to determine false information would easily believe it to be true and trusted.

- Parent in Tyler, TX

Community Immunity Threshold for Measles:
Percent of ISDs in Northeast Texas

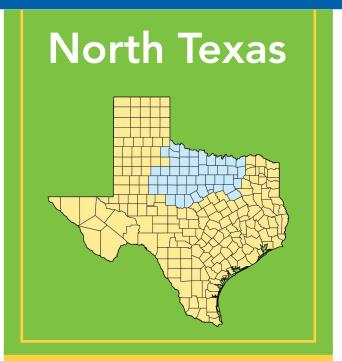




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Baylor	1.23%	0.70%	0.36%	0.53%	0.00%	-1.23%
Brown	0.62%	0.99%	1.15%	1.59%	1.52%	0.90%
Callahan	1.39%	1.81%	1.46%	1.19%	2.02%	0.63%
Clay	0.52%	0.33%	0.73%	0.83%	0.82%	0.30%
Coleman	0.28%	1.16%	0.66%	0.75%	0.87%	0.59%
Collin	1.92%	2.08%	2.21%	2.48%	2.69%	0.77%
Comanche	1.92%	2.08%	2.21%	0.60%	1.12%	-0.80%
Cooke	0.87%	1.04%	1.02%	1.60%	1.84%	0.97%
Cottle	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dallas	0.60%	0.64%	0.74%	0.91%	1.26%	0.66%
Denton	2.05%	2.92%	2.22%	2.89%	3.00%	0.95%
Eastland	1.51%	2.12%	2.09%	2.42%	2.72%	1.21%
Ellis	0.99%	1.21%	1.48%	1.69%	1.85%	0.86%
Erath	1.32%	0.91%	1.08%	1.28%	1.75%	0.43%
Fannin	0.91%	1.07%	1.14%	1.19%	1.35%	0.44%
Fisher	0.57%	0.59%	0.99%	0.54%	0.19%	-0.38%
Foard	0.00%	0.44%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Grayson	0.97%	1.17%	1.46%	1.68%	2.01%	1.04%
Hardeman	1.68%	2.84%	0.00%	1.40%	2.22%	0.54%
Haskell	0.40%	0.37%	0.65%	0.50%	0.75%	0.35%
Hood	1.73%	2.19%	2.07%	2.57%	2.61%	0.88%
Hunt	0.77%	0.82%	0.98%	0.96%	1.11%	0.34%
Jack	0.78%	1.05%	0.95%	1.27%	2.58%	1.80%
Johnson	1.26%	1.55%	1.76%	2.11%	2.28%	1.02%
Jones						
Kaufman	0.59%	0.66%	0.50%	0.63%	0.74% 1.59%	0.15%
	0.67%	0.85%	0.98%	1.15%		
Kent	2.65%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.16%	-1.49%
Knox	0.24%	0.28%	0.27%	0.13%	0.14%	-0.10%
Mitchell	0.21%	0.22%	0.08%	0.07%	0.07%	-0.14%
Montague	0.78%	1.46%	2.30%	2.99%	3.51%	2.73%
Navarro	0.35%	0.28%	0.30%	0.40%	0.47%	0.12%
Nolan	0.54%	0.45%	0.61%	0.86%	0.83%	0.29%
Palo Pinto	0.96%	1.10%	1.48%	1.47%	1.88%	0.92%
Parker	1.30%	1.61%	1.78%	1.98%	2.51%	1.21%
Rockwall	1.49%	1.77%	2.00%	2.27%	2.53%	1.04%
Runnels	1.06%	1.03%	0.79%	0.79%	0.81%	-0.25%
Scurry	0.25%	0.26%	0.35%	0.56%	0.53%	0.28%
Shackelford	1.61%	2.35%	2.37%	1.88%	2.02%	0.41%
Somervell	1.66%	1.99%	2.61%	2.80%	3.05%	1.39%
Stephens	0.35%	0.43%	1.19%	0.92%	1.10%	0.75%
Stonewall	0.00%	0.00%	0.52%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Tarrant	1.10%	1.27%	1.45%	1.79%	1.83%	0.73%
Taylor	0.65%	0.80%	0.93%	1.08%	1.27%	0.62%
Throckmorton	0.66%	0.33%	1.69%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.66%
Wichita	0.53%	0.76%	0.75%	0.92%	0.83%	0.30%
Wilbarger	0.22%	0.17%	0.00%	0.92%	0.83%	0.61%
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Wise	0.86%	1.12%	1.72%	1.95%	2.22%	1.36%

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2,902 Deaths from Pneumonia and Influenza During the 2019 - 2020 Flu Season

Source: Texas Influenza Surveillance Summer Report 2019-2020 Season/2020 MMWR Week 32

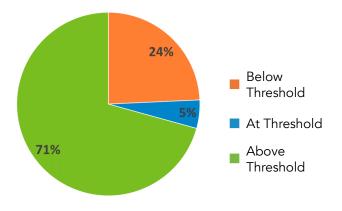
The school I teach at has approx. 3,500 people on any given day and I fear the consequences if herd immunity is not achieved.

- Parent in Arlington, TX

Just really hoping vaccines will be mandatory for everyone (unless a valid health reason). And hoping there is enough info to teach folks that the COVID vaccine is (will be!) safe.

- Parent in Dallas, TX

Community Immunity Threshold for Measles: Percent of ISDs in North Texas





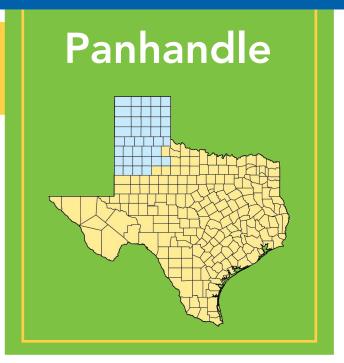
417 Deaths from Pneumonia and Influenza During the 2019 - 2020 Flu Season

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Percent of Students with Non-Medical Exemptions Filed

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Armstrong	0.59%	1.90%	1.44%	2.35%	3.53%	2.94%
Bailey	0.67%	0.74%	0.89%	0.98%	0.69%	0.02%
Briscoe	3.55%	3.26%	2.02%	1.68%	3.30%	-0.25%
Carson	1.26%	1.44%	1.94%	2.11%	2.38%	1.12%
Castro	0.00%	0.38%	0.44%	0.64%	0.63%	0.63%
Childress	0.09%	0.18%	0.19%	0.48%	0.76%	0.67%
Cochran	0.29%	0.29%	0.30%	0.31%	1.74%	1.45%
Collingsworth	1.16%	1.32%	1.99%	2.64%	3.46%	2.30%
Crosby	0.99%	0.72%	1.02%	0.95%	0.51%	-0.48%
Dallam	1.41%	1.13%	1.66%	0.96%	1.34%	-0.07%
Deaf Smith	0.00%	0.13%	0.19%	0.22%	0.23%	0.23%
Dickens	0.52%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.52%
Donley	0.52%	0.53%	1.48%	0.93%	1.74%	1.22%
Floyd	0.16%	0.17%	0.23%	0.18%	0.36%	0.20%
Garza	0.60%	0.60%	0.42%	0.77%	1.04%	0.44%
Gray	0.12%	0.30%	0.18%	0.59%	0.61%	0.49%
Hale	0.17%	0.40%	0.45%	0.67%	0.69%	0.52%
Hall	0.16%	0.61%	0.31%	0.31%	0.67%	0.51%
Hansford	1.33%	1.11%	1.03%	1.32%	1.14%	-0.19%
Hartley	2.24%	4.06%	2.69%	2.31%	2.78%	0.54%
Hemphill	1.03%	0.63%	1.35%	1.31%	1.91%	0.88%
Hockley	0.59%	0.88%	0.58%	1.00%	1.08%	0.49%
Hutchinson	0.89%	0.77%	1.29%	1.58%	1.69%	0.80%
King	0.87%	2.80%	0.00%	7.77%	9.90%	9.03%
Lamb	0.07%	0.19%	0.35%	0.40%	0.37%	0.30%
Lipscomb	0.15%	0.13%	0.49%	0.58%	0.57%	0.42%
Lubbock	1.11%	1.31%	1.31%	1.34%	1.50%	0.39%
Lynn	0.88%	0.88%	1.49%	1.89%	1.09%	0.21%
Moore	0.19%	0.12%	0.15%	0.24%	0.32%	0.13%
Motley	0.00%	0.65%	0.62%	1.34%	1.44%	1.44%
Ochiltree	0.13%	0.26%	0.42%	0.65%	0.29%	0.16%
Oldham	1.28%	1.13%	1.21%	2.33%	2.46%	1.18%
Parmer	0.95%	0.93%	0.85%	0.81%	1.13%	0.18%
Potter	0.90%	1.17%	1.21%	1.28%	1.43%	0.53%
Randall	1.66%	1.75%	1.85%	2.05%	2.28%	0.62%
Roberts	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.48%	0.00%	0.00%
Sherman	0.43%	0.28%	0.41%	1.14%	1.19%	0.76%
Swisher	0.07%	0.32%	0.79%	0.59%	0.48%	0.41%
Terry	0.00%	0.40%	0.53%	0.61%	1.25%	1.25%
Wheeler	1.87%	1.95%	1.83%	1.97%	3.03%	1.16%
Yoakum	1.03%	0.60%	0.74%	0.84%	1.13%	0.10%

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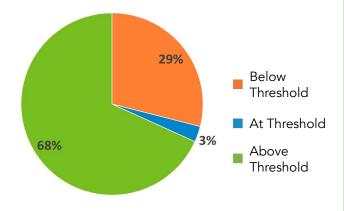
When my son was born, they asked if I wanted to vaccinate and I said I'd give him any vaccine they had, because I don't want him to get sick or die from a preventable disease.

- Parent in Lubbock, TX

I hope the COVID-19 vaccine will permit children to attend school on a regular schedule with school staff and families feeling safe.

- Parent in Lubbock, TX

Community Immunity Threshold for Measles:
Percent of ISDs in the Panhandle





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Deaths from Pneumonia and Influenza During the 2019 - 2020 Flu Season

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Bee	0.24%	0.23%	0.26%	0.39%	0.45%	0.21%
Brooks	0.00%	0.06%	0.19%	0.33%	0.07%	0.07%
Cameron	0.12%	0.13%	0.13%	0.21%	0.21%	0.09%
Duval	0.04%	0.12%	0.08%	0.19%	0.19%	0.15%
Hidalgo	0.10%	0.14%	0.19%	0.24%	0.30%	0.20%
Jim Hogg	0.09%	0.00%	0.09%	0.09%	0.27%	0.18%
Jim Wells	0.16%	0.21%	0.20%	0.33%	0.54%	0.38%
Kenedy	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Kleberg	0.44%	0.47%	0.64%	0.67%	0.70%	0.26%
Live Oak	0.34%	0.41%	0.63%	0.89%	0.98%	0.64%
Mcmullen	0.81%	1.21%	0.41%	0.37%	0.00%	-0.81%
Nueces	0.52%	0.59%	0.69%	0.76%	0.88%	0.36%
Refugio	0.81%	0.97%	1.38%	1.65%	1.57%	0.76%
San Patricio	0.45%	0.49%	0.50%	0.66%	0.68%	0.23%
Starr	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%	0.00%
Webb	0.08%	0.10%	0.12%	0.15%	0.19%	0.11%
Willacy	0.02%	0.02%	0.05%	0.05%	0.03%	0.01%
Zapata	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%	0.06%

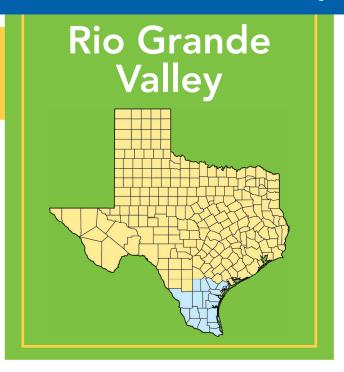
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I think people need to see what some of these vaccine preventable diseases are since many have never seen these diseases and unfortunately, people won't take it seriously unless it affects them personally... we had several close family friends who were hospitalized due to COVID and at least two deaths.

- Parent in Laredo, TX

There should only be medically exemptions in the schools. If we keep letting students in without immunizations in the future we are going to see epidemics due to children not being vaccinated.

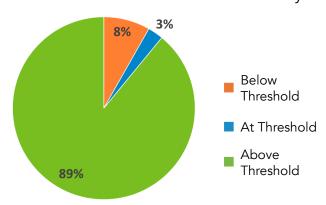
- Parent in Aransas Pass, TX



There is still some hesitancy on recommended but not required vaccines such as the HPV vaccines. There are still parents who tie this vaccine to sexual promiscuity and some providers will avoid the issue since it is not required. My children all completed their series by the age of 10 since I want them to be protected as there is a history of cancer on their paternal family.

- Parent in Laredo, TX

Community Immunity Threshold for Measles: Percent of ISDs in the Rio Grande Valley





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Deaths from Pneumonia and Influenza During the 2019 - 2020 Flu Season

Source: Texas Influenza Surveillance Summer Report 2019-2020 Season/2020 MMWR Week 32

Percent of Students with Non-Medical Exemptions Filed

County	2015- 2016	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	% Point Difference Between 2015-2020
State Total	0.84%	0.97%	1.07%	1.20%	1.35%	0.51%
Atascosa	0.16%	0.20%	0.24%	0.32%	0.36%	0.20%
Bandera	1.44%	2.24%	2.26%	1.71%	2.17%	0.73%
Bexar	0.67%	0.69%	0.80%	0.88%	1.02%	0.35%
Calhoun	0.39%	0.47%	0.59%	0.63%	0.63%	0.24%
Comal	1.60%	1.77%	2.07%	2.40%	1.20%	-0.40%
DeWitt	0.48%	0.52%	0.53%	0.51%	0.53%	0.05%
Dimmit	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Edwards	0.00%	0.38%	0.35%	0.55%	2.50%	2.50%
Frio	0.06%	0.03%	0.16%	0.17%	0.27%	0.21%
Gillespie	1.77%	2.04%	2.92%	3.87%	4.03%	2.26%
Goliad	0.46%	0.71%	0.45%	0.63%	0.88%	0.42%
Gonzales	0.22%	0.15%	0.20%	0.35%	0.51%	0.29%
Guadalupe	0.68%	0.63%	0.87%	1.04%	1.04%	0.36%
Jackson	0.55%	0.76%	0.60%	0.57%	0.49%	-0.06%
Karnes	0.38%	0.46%	0.49%	0.35%	0.12%	-0.26%
Kendall	2.50%	2.95%	3.04%	3.34%	3.60%	1.10%
Kerr	1.58%	1.70%	1.95%	2.56%	2.96%	1.38%
Kinney	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.18%	0.35%	0.35%
LaSalle	0.31%	0.31%	0.15%	0.08%	0.08%	-0.23%
Lavaca	0.47%	0.52%	0.55%	0.80%	0.93%	0.46%
Maverick	0.03%	0.07%	0.05%	0.10%	0.14%	0.11%
Medina	0.34%	0.30%	0.44%	0.51%	0.60%	0.26%
Real	1.55%	1.26%	0.76%	1.23%	0.59%	-0.96%
Uvalde	0.48%	0.69%	0.68%	0.73%	1.03%	0.55%
Val Verde	0.18%	0.23%	0.19%	0.26%	0.07%	-0.11%
Victoria	0.27%	0.18%	0.15%	0.27%	0.75%	0.48%
Wilson	0.82%	1.05%	1.30%	1.54%	1.79%	0.97%
Zavala	0.09%	0.18%	0.18%	0.00%	0.04%	-0.05%

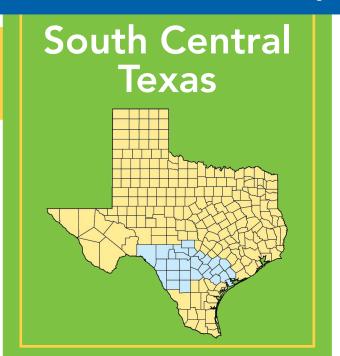
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I sincerely hope that one day Texas will no longer allow non-medical exemptions for public school attendance. More parents are opting for non-medical exemptions.

- Parent in Helotes, TX

Vaccines save lives, money, and resources in our communities.

- Parent in San Antonio, TX



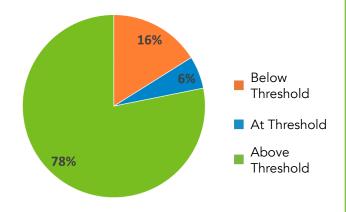
I think education at multiple levels is required - not simply from doctors educating parents but also discussing the importance of vaccines and the impact they have had on health in schools as well. Data needs to be provided in a clear simple manner.

- Parent in San Antonio, TX

There is always a concern about antivaccination viewpoints in the community - I hate to step on the liberties of others, but not vaccinating your kids puts everyone at risk.

- Parent in San Antonio, TX

Community Immunity Threshold for Measles: Percent of ISDs in South Central Texas





2,288 Deaths from Pneumonia and Influenza During the 2019 - 2020 Flu Season

Source: Texas Influenza Surveillance Summer Report 2019-2020 Season/2020 MMWR Week 32

Percent of Students with Non-Medical Exemptions Filed

County	2015- 2016	2016- 2017	2017- 2018	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	% Point Difference Between 2015-2020
State Total	0.84%	0.97%	1.07%	1.20%	1.35%	0.51%
Austin	0.74%	0.85%	1.05%	1.32%	1.41%	0.67%
Brazoria	0.80%	0.79%	0.93%	0.97%	1.11%	0.31%
Chambers	0.80%	1.07%	1.16%	1.45%	1.79%	0.99%
Colorado	0.39%	0.06%	0.35%	0.46%	0.76%	0.37%
Fort Bend	0.45%	0.54%	0.58%	0.69%	0.76%	0.31%
Galveston	0.99%	1.19%	1.26%	1.41%	1.55%	0.56%
Hardin	0.84%	0.96%	1.02%	1.50%	1.65%	0.81%
Harris	0.62%	0.72%	0.83%	0.90%	0.93%	0.31%
Jefferson	0.53%	0.49%	0.66%	0.79%	0.84%	0.31%
Liberty	0.52%	0.57%	0.73%	0.81%	0.81%	0.29%
Matagorda	0.67%	0.69%	0.91%	1.05%	0.86%	0.19%
Montgomery	1.73%	1.76%	1.94%	1.74%	2.26%	0.53%
Orange	0.66%	1.01%	0.94%	1.27%	1.95%	1.29%
Walker	1.00%	0.50%	0.79%	1.08%	0.74%	-0.26%
Waller	0.71%	0.75%	0.82%	1.09%	0.93%	0.22%
Wharton	0.20%	0.22%	0.21%	0.34%	0.32%	0.12%

Note: Shading indicates exemption rate is higher than that year's state average Source: Texas Department of State Health Services, Conscientious Exemptions Data - Vaccination Coverage

There is so much information out there both pro and anti vax that it's easy for people to find something to support their own preconceived notion about vaccines. Ultimately for me, the risk of not vaxing and getting the disease outweighs any risk of getting the vaccine.

- Parent in Pearland, TX

Anti vaxxers are a serious problem. Misinformation spread on social media by misinformed yet passionate people. Science deniers. Politicizing public health and science.

- Parent in Houston, TX

I wish Texas would eliminate the personal belief and religious exemptions. I think the Covid-19 vaccine should be added to the CDC's childhood vaccine schedule. I worry that so many folks are about "me" vs. "we."

- Parent in Houston, TX



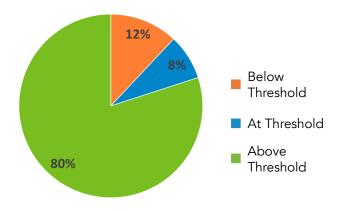
[I'm worried about the] rapid spread of misinformation and vaccine hesitancy. Many more parents opting out of immunizations, yet sending their kids to public school.

- Parent in Nederland, TX

[The COVID-19 pandemic has] made me even more vocal and sure of my family's decision to follow vaccine schedule recommendations

- Parent in Houston, TX

Community Immunity Threshold for Measles:
Percent of ISDs in Southeast Texas





Deaths from Pneumonia and Influenza During the 2019 - 2020 Flu Season

Source: Texas Influenza Surveillance Summer Report 2019-2020 Season/2020 MMWR Week 32

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Andrews	0.75%	0.90%	1.07%	1.50%	0.39%	-0.36%
Borden	2.04%	3.15%	4.24%	5.12%	3.86%	1.82%
Brewster	1.36%	1.56%	1.72%	1.34%	2.09%	0.73%
Coke	0.79%	1.93%	2.72%	2.96%	2.80%	2.01%
Concho	0.00%	1.40%	0.66%	0.68%	0.00%	0.00%
Crane	0.44%	0.29%	0.37%	0.83%	0.55%	0.11%
Crockett	0.52%	0.54%	0.42%	0.41%	0.52%	0.00%
Culberson	0.00%	0.00%	0.51%	0.00%	0.29%	0.29%
Dawson	0.47%	0.64%	0.54%	1.56%	2.32%	1.85%
Ector	0.52%	0.64%	0.59%	0.76%	0.82%	0.30%
El Paso	0.24%	0.23%	0.30%	0.36%	0.39%	0.15%
Gaines	4.83%	6.26%	8.78%	10.37%	11.68%	6.85%
Glasscock	0.00%	0.00%	1.68%	0.34%	0.70%	0.70%
Howard	0.71%	0.90%	0.86%	0.80%	0.96%	0.25%
Hudspeth	0.00%	0.78%	0.18%	0.20%	0.18%	0.18%
Irion	0.62%	0.77%	1.08%	1.12%	0.68%	0.06%
Jeff Davis	0.30%	0.31%	3.19%	1.97%	2.77%	2.47%
Kimble	0.00%	0.00%	0.87%	1.77%	2.18%	2.18%
Loving	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Martin	0.75%	0.74%	1.14%	1.15%	1.31%	0.56%
Mason	1.89%	1.35%	2.17%	2.94%	2.68%	0.79%
Mcculloch	0.47%	0.36%	0.65%	0.52%	0.30%	-0.17%
Menard	0.71%	0.36%	0.00%	0.35%	0.00%	-0.71%
Midland	0.79%	0.94%	0.84%	1.26%	0.96%	0.17%
Pecos	0.23%	0.35%	0.37%	0.55%	0.53%	0.30%
Presidio	0.17%	0.12%	0.33%	0.48%	0.50%	0.33%
Reagan	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Reeves	0.31%	0.39%	0.37%	0.38%	0.42%	0.11%
Schleicher	0.18%	0.56%	0.00%	0.82%	0.84%	0.66%
Sterling	0.00%	0.00%	1.69%	0.00%	0.32%	0.32%
Sutton	0.00%	0.13%	0.52%	0.66%	0.81%	0.81%
Terrell	1.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-1.33%
Tom Green	0.68%	0.00%	0.84%	0.78%	1.03%	0.35%
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Upton	0.37%	0.53%	0.49%	0.75%	0.48%	0.11%
Ward	0.17%	0.33%	0.44%	0.31%	0.69%	0.52%
Winkler	0.06%	0.53%	0.40%	0.22%	0.70%	0.64%

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My concern is those children that are not vaccinated due to their parents not believing in vaccines.

- Parent in Midland, TX



Doctor offices need to reach out to families to schedule appointments for children and families and assure their safety.

- Parent in El Paso, TX

Seeing friends getting sick of Covid makes me panic, you can get it anywhere you go you just have to be really careful when going grocery shopping.

- Parent in Midland, TX

Community Immunity Threshold for Measles:
Percent of ISDs in West Texas

