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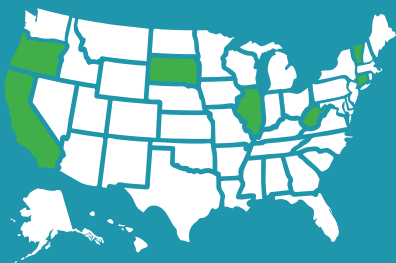
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The Science of Vaccine Policy



STATE ACTIVITY

- CA and VT passed bills in 2015 to strengthen vaccination requirements.
- CA now joins WV and MS as a state without personal or religious belief exemptions.
- At least 12 states in 2015 considered legislation addressing immunization exemptions.
- IL, SD, CT, OR and WV also passed legislation in 2015 related to exemptions.
- Bills called for documentation of exemption requests, transparency on school vaccinations rates or exemption criteria, and access to students' vaccination records.



Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

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A 2015 measles outbreak that began at Anaheim, California's Disneyland has exploded into a growing national debate on vaccination. California, where personal belief vaccination exemptions among school children doubled in the past decade, has now passed a law that eliminates such exemptions. Yet heated dialogue throughout the country continues to explore the limits of personal liberty—and the value of public health.

Several states have passed or are considering bills designed to protect children from preventable illness. As health policy leaders, physician legislators can play a unique role in these efforts by sharing the science behind vaccination.



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