



OHIO AAP PUBLIC OPINION POLL REVEALS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS



KEY TAKEAWAY

Most Ohioans support childhood vaccines and trust their doctors, but confusion driven by mixed messaging continues to shape public opinion.

POLL RESULTS

87%

of Ohioans think that it's **very important or important** that parents get their kids vaccinated.

86%

of Ohioans think routine vaccines are **very safe or safe** for most children.

89%

indicated they were **very confident or fairly confident** that their pediatrician/family physician provides them with the information they need to make informed decisions about vaccines.

75%

of Ohioans believe that parents **should be required** to have their children vaccinated against preventable diseases. Of those who believed parents should be required to have their children vaccinated:

88%

said a major reason they support routine childhood vaccine requirements is because they think routine childhood vaccines are **effective in protecting most children**

78%

said a major reason is because they believe childhood vaccines have been **proven safe** because they have been around for a decades

85%

said a major reason they support routine childhood vaccine requirements is because they think **diseases like measles will come back** if routine childhood vaccines are no longer required.

83%

indicate they **do not trust at all or only slightly trust their social media feeds** as a reliable source of vaccine information.

43%

of respondents felt **confident or very confident** in the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine; whereas 83 percent felt confident or very confident in the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, and 85 percent in the polio vaccine.

88%

of Ohioans think that health insurers, including **Medicaid & Medicare, should be required to pay for vaccines** that individuals choose for themselves or family members.

About the Poll

- Ohio AAP partnered with BGSU Democracy & Public Policy Research Network
- 800 statewide voters
- 14 questions
- Conducted from October 2 to October 14, 2025
- Margin of error of +/- 4.5 percentage points
- Sample's weighting reflects a +10 margin for Trump in the 2024 presidential race.