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School Immunization Selection Process



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National Comparison



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Figure 1: School Immunization Requirements for the 2022-2023 Kansas School Year, Required and Recommended

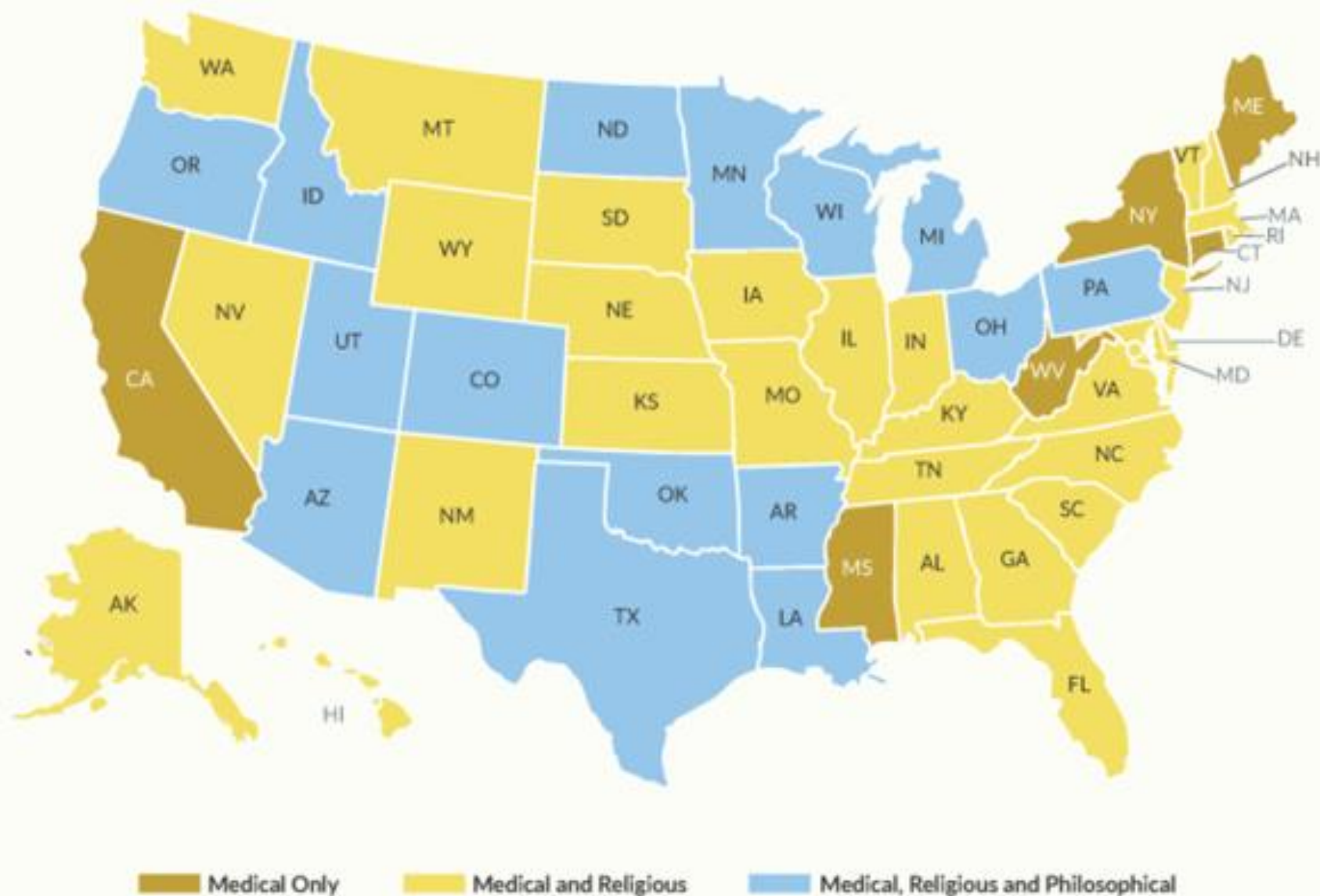


Vaccine Required for School Entry	Vaccine Preventable Disease(s)
DTaP/Tdap	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
IPV	Polio
MMR	Measles, Mumps, Rubella
VAR	Chickenpox
HepB	Hepatitis B
HepA	Hepatitis A
MenACWY*	Meningitis
Recommended Vaccine	Vaccine Preventable Disease
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
Influenza	Flu

*Note: MenACWY is required beginning at 7th grade. Licensed child care facilities and early childhood programs operated by schools also have vaccination requirements.

Source: Kansas Department of Health and Environment; <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21272/2022-2023-School-Requirement-K-12-PDF>

Figure 8: State School Vaccine Exemptions by Type



Type of Exemption	Number of States	States
Medical only	6	CA, CT, NY, ME, MS, WV
Medical and Religious	29	AL, AK, DE, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MA, MD, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NC, RI, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WA, WY
Medical, Religious and Philosophical	15	AZ, AR, CO, ID, LA, MI, MN, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, TX, UT, WI

Figure 12: Enacted Legislation Related to School Vaccines by State, 2017-2021

2020: Colorado
Exemption and Education
 Requires a person seeking a nonmedical exemption (either religious or personal belief) to submit a certificate of completion of an online educational module or a certificate of nonmedical exemption. It establishes an immunization goal of 95% of each school's student population and requires schools to publish their immunization and exemption rates on a document that is distributed to parents, guardians and students.

2019: Washington
Exemptions
 Removes the personal belief exemption for the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine requirement for public schools, private schools and day care centers.

2018: Illinois
Education
 Provides for the distribution of written information about the link between HPV and certain types of cancers to all students entering sixth grade and their parents or legal guardians.

2017: Indiana
Required Immunizations
 Added meningitis to required immunizations a student enrolling in a residential campus of an approved postsecondary educational institution.

2019: Maine
Exemptions
 Removes personal and religious belief exemptions for public school immunization requirements.

2017: Utah
Education
 Requires the Department of Health to create an online education module regarding certain preventable diseases; amends the grounds for exemptions from required vaccines; requires the renewal of a student's vaccination exemption under certain conditions; creates a new vaccination exemption form; allows for the vaccination exemption form to be completed online in conjunction with the education modules, and discontinued the practice of allowing local health departments to vaccinate students and recover costs.

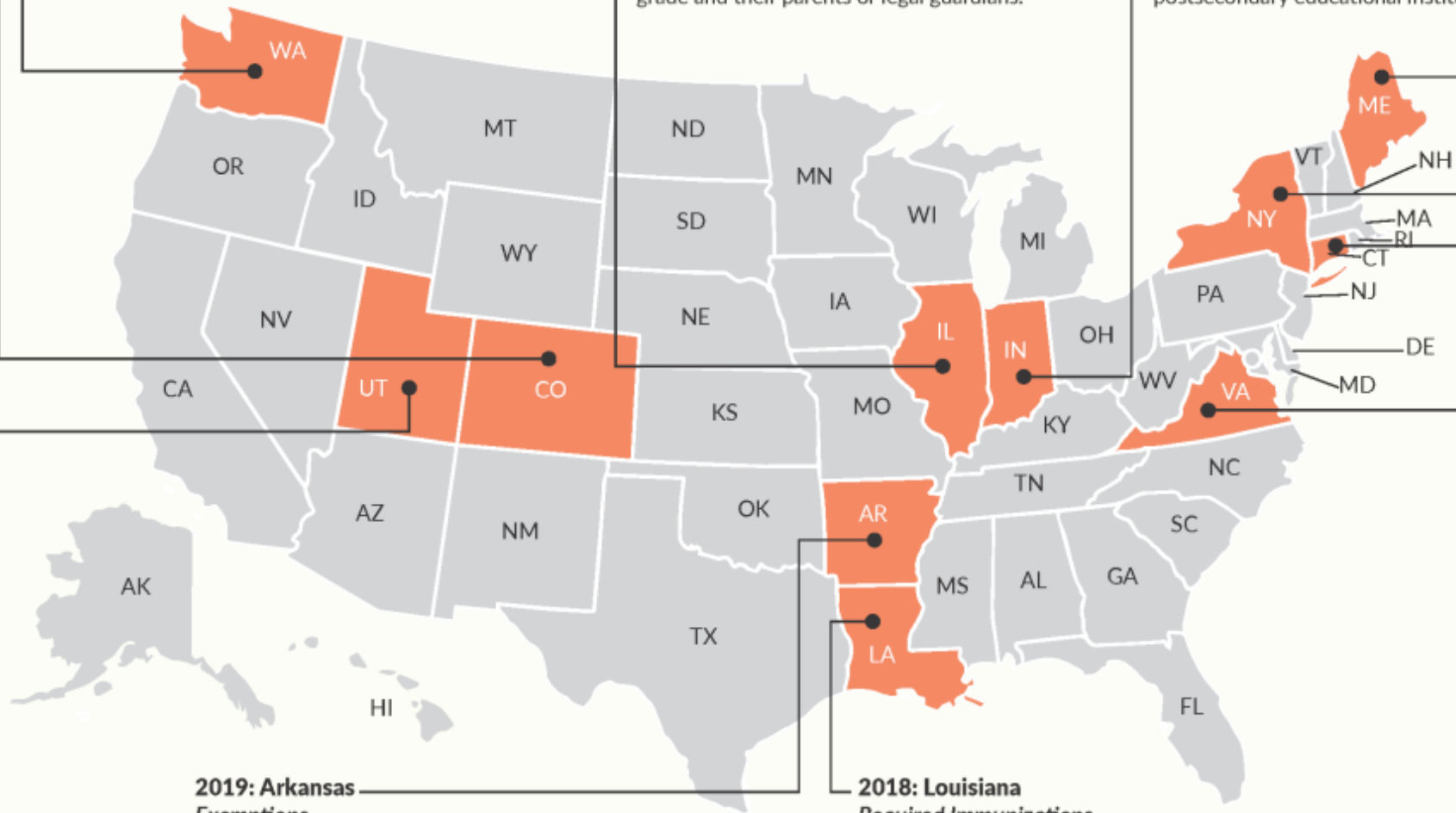
2019: New York
Exemptions
 Removes the religious exemption for public school immunization requirements.

2021: Connecticut
Exemptions
 Removes the religious exemption for vaccine requirement for children in grade 12 or below.

2020: Virginia
Required Immunizations
 Provides that the Board of Health's Regulations for the Immunization of School Children shall be consistent with the Immunization Schedule developed and published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

2019: Arkansas
Exemptions
 Requires a public or private school to create and maintain a report that provides certain information regarding the number and percentage of students who have an exemption from the requirement to obtain vaccinations.

2018: Louisiana
Required Immunizations
 Requires students who are entering eleventh grade or who are 16 and entering any grade to provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of school entry and provides for exceptions.



Source: Kansas Health Institute Analysis of States with Religious and Philosophical Exemptions from School Immunization Requirements published by the National Conference of State Legislatures, 2022.

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Perspective of a Family Physician, Comments and Wrap-up



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Any Questions?



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