

Decline in Pediatric Immunizations Causing Concern – interview transcripts

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Dr. Rebecca Sierra, OSF HealthCare Pediatrician

“I think the problem has been with COVID just getting people into the office, keeping them up to date on their visits and up to date on their vaccines,” explains Dr. Sierra. “So I think because people were trying to stay away, or maybe not enrolling in school, we've kind of missed the opportunity to vaccinate some of those kids.” (:21)

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“We want a certain percentage of kids to be vaccinated in order to have herd immunity to keep those viruses out of the community. So as that number goes down, we're increasing the risk of those viruses like measles and things that we don't typically see making a comeback and circulating again.” (:20)

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“If they haven't had a routine physical within the last year they definitely need to check in and make sure that there's nothing that we're missing. I know a lot of offices do go through and try to contact some of those patients, but we don't always have up to date contact information. So definitely, if they haven't been seen by a provider within the last year, I would definitely reach out and make sure that we're not missing anything for them.” (:28)