Childhood Illnesses in Georgia

ALARMING STATISTICS

More than 16% of 2-year-olds in Georgia lacked the recommended immunizations in 2017. When parents choose to not vaccinate their children, they are putting children at risk for life-threatening diseases that were once rare or eliminated in the United States.

PERTUSSIS

Known for uncontrollable, violent coughing which makes it difficult to breathe

Highly contagious and sometimes deadly for infants

Most deaths are infants under 3 months

134 cases of pertussis in Georgia in 2018

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48,277 cases of pertussis in nationwide outbreak in 2012

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