Childhood Illnesses in Georgia

ALARMING STATISTICS

Georgia has fallen under the national average in childhood vaccinations - now ranking 48th* in the country on the percentage of children ages 19-35 months who are immunized. Approximately 35% of children 19-35 months old in Georgia lacked the recommended immunizations in 2017. When a child is not up-to-date on their immunizations, they are at risk for life-threatening diseases that were once rare or eliminated in the United States. Well-child visits are essential to staying up to date with childhood vaccines, as well as tracking developmental milestones and discussing your child’s health concerns.

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<td><strong>Commonly known as Whooping Cough</strong>&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td><strong>Known for a rash of small, raised red spots that begins on the face and spreads down the body</strong>&lt;sup&gt;12&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td><strong>Known for swelling in the salivary glands</strong>&lt;sup&gt;17&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Known for uncontrollable, violent coughing which makes it difficult to breathe&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Very contagious; can be contracted through airborne particles, which can stay active for up to two hours in the air or on objects&lt;sup&gt;12&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Outbreaks typically occur in close-contact settings, such as schools or college campuses&lt;sup&gt;18&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Highly contagious and sometimes deadly for children of all ages&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Complications can include hearing loss, inflammation of the brain, pancreas, and spinal membranes&lt;sup&gt;19&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td><strong>48</strong> confirmed cases in Georgia in 2019&lt;sup&gt;20&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td><strong>339</strong> cases of pertussis in Georgia in 2019&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td><strong>1980s</strong> saw a dramatic increase in the number of diagnosed pertussis cases</td>
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<td><strong>18</strong> the number of cases reported in Georgia in 2019, up from zero in 2018&lt;sup&gt;15&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td><strong>99%</strong> drop in cases of mumps since the introduction of the vaccine in 1967&lt;sup&gt;14&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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*Georgia is ranked 48th among the CDC’s U.S. state/local area regional estimates.

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