

Weakening School Vaccine Requirements Would Cost Florida \$9 Billion and 64,644 Jobs

New Florida economic analysis quantifies the long-term fiscal consequences of reduced vaccination coverage.

Florida's long-standing vaccine safeguards play an important role in keeping families working, business strong, schools functioning, and the state budget stable. When vaccination coverage falls, outbreaks rise, leading to missed work, caregiving burdens, higher medical costs, avoidable loss of life, and added risk to Florida's tourism economy.

\$9B Lost GDP over 10 years	64,644 Fewer Florida jobs
\$2.7B Lost household earnings	Nearly \$1B Lost state & local tax revenue
\$1.3B Annual tourism spending at stake	\$3B Increase in direct government healthcare spending (10-year total)



What's Driving the Economic Loss?



Preventable Death
(primary driver)



Missed Work



Disability



Household Out-of-Pocket Costs

Tourism Risk:

If visitors decline by just 1%

\$1.3B statewide spending,

nearly 7,000 jobs at risk,

\$300M in wages annually.

Floridians overwhelmingly support maintaining Florida's long-standing school vaccine safeguards, and the economic data reinforce why. Protecting Florida's vaccine safeguards protects Florida's economy, its workforce, and the stability Florida families expect.

Source: Regional Economic Consulting Group, *Economic Impact of Removing Childhood Vaccine Requirements in Florida* (February 2026)

