



# Wisconsin Medical Society

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## **WisMed supports proposal to eliminate personal conviction exception for student vaccinations**

*The following statement, attributable to Society President Chip Morris, MD, pertains to the introduction of a bill that would eliminate the “personal conviction” exception to the school vaccinations law:*

“We are very pleased to see bipartisan introduction of this bill and urge all legislators to cosponsor it. We’re seeing the worst outbreak of measles in the United States in decades and, at the same time, more and more Wisconsin school kids don’t have the vaccinations currently required by state law. This is a very dangerous combination, and it’s wise that Wisconsin join with a majority of states in the nation in removing the ‘personal conviction’ exception to following the law.

“Vaccinations are a public health marvel. They are safe and amazingly effective. We need more people vaccinated, not fewer, and this bill would help us do a better job protecting our kids and our most vulnerable citizens from serious diseases that are preventable.”

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