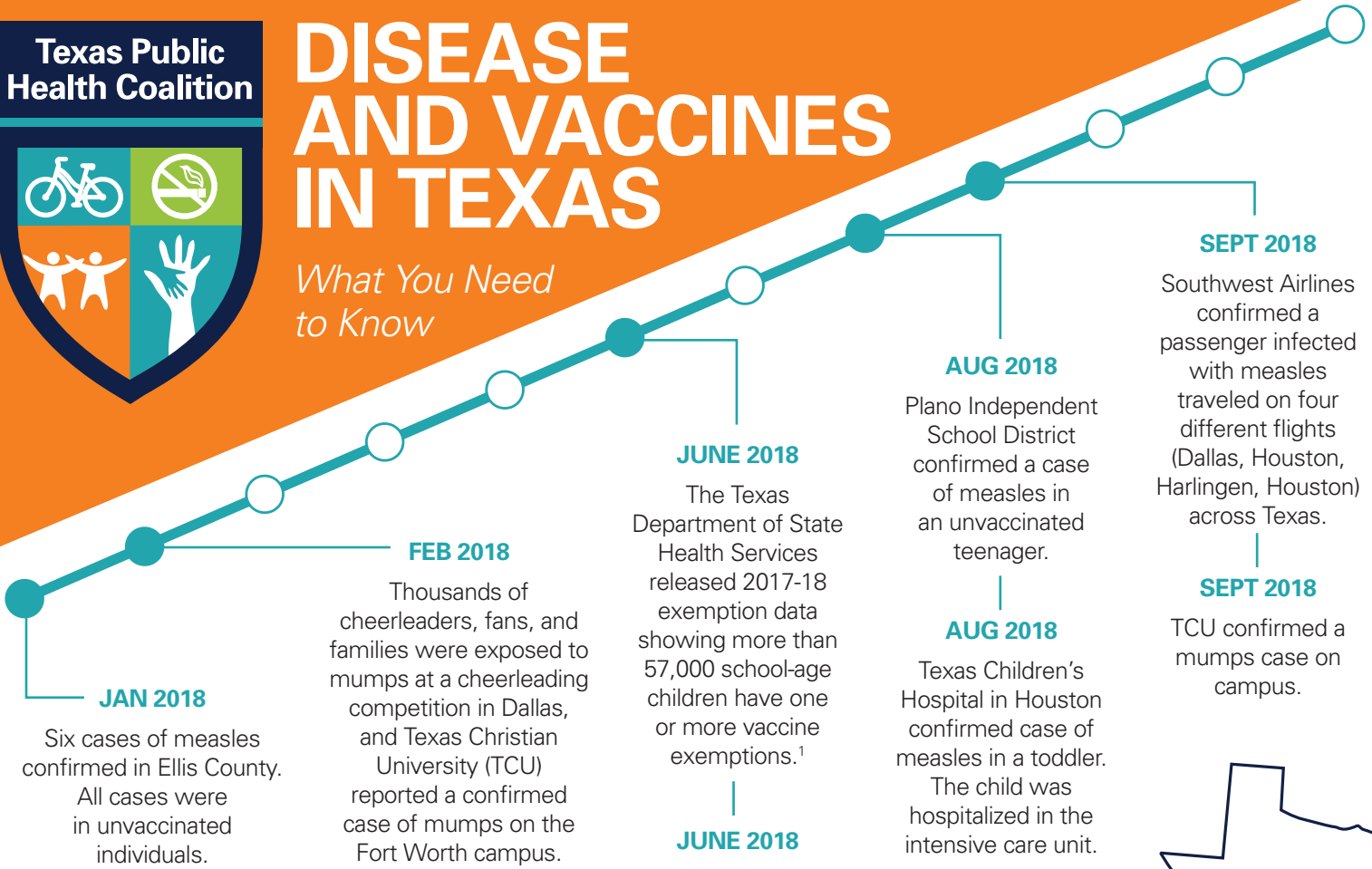


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JAN 2018

Six cases of measles confirmed in Ellis County. All cases were in unvaccinated individuals.

FEB 2018

Thousands of cheerleaders, fans, and families were exposed to mumps at a cheerleading competition in Dallas, and Texas Christian University (TCU) reported a confirmed case of mumps on the Fort Worth campus.

JUNE 2018

The Texas Department of State Health Services released 2017-18 exemption data showing more than 57,000 school-age children have one or more vaccine exemptions.¹

JUNE 2018

A study released showed four out of 16 exemption "hotspots" in the country are in Texas: Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, and Plano.²

AUG 2018

Plano Independent School District confirmed a case of measles in an unvaccinated teenager.

AUG 2018

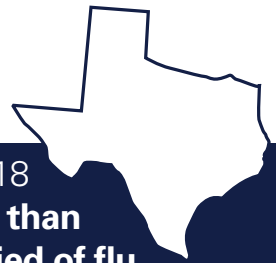
Texas Children's Hospital in Houston confirmed case of measles in a toddler. The child was hospitalized in the intensive care unit.

SEPT 2018

Southwest Airlines confirmed a passenger infected with measles traveled on four different flights (Dallas, Houston, Harlingen, Houston) across Texas.

SEPT 2018

TCU confirmed a mumps case on campus.



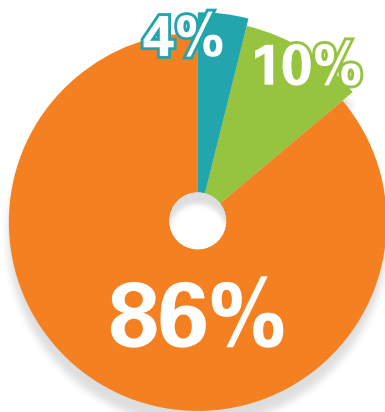
During the 2017-18 flu season, **more than 10,000 Texans died of flu or flu-related complications.**³

VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES ARE ON THE RISE: A 2018 TIMELINE

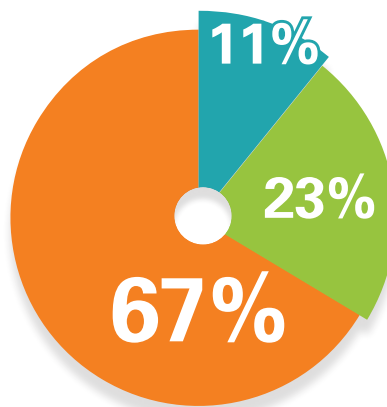
TEXAS REPUBLICANS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT STRONG VACCINATION LAWS

SUPPORT **OPPOSE** **DON'T KNOW**

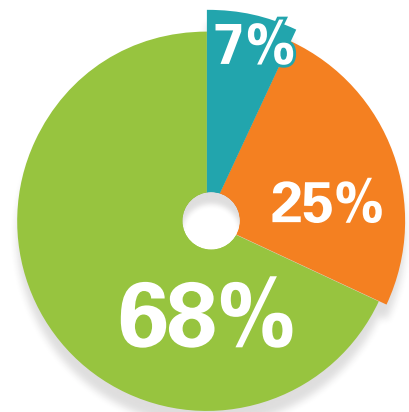
RESULTS OF A JULY 2018 STATEWIDE SURVEY OF REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS⁴



86 percent support current laws requiring children to be immunized to attend public school.



67 percent support the government having a role in reducing the number of vaccine-preventable deaths.



68 percent oppose allowing parents to opt out of providing their children required school vaccines for nonmedical reasons.

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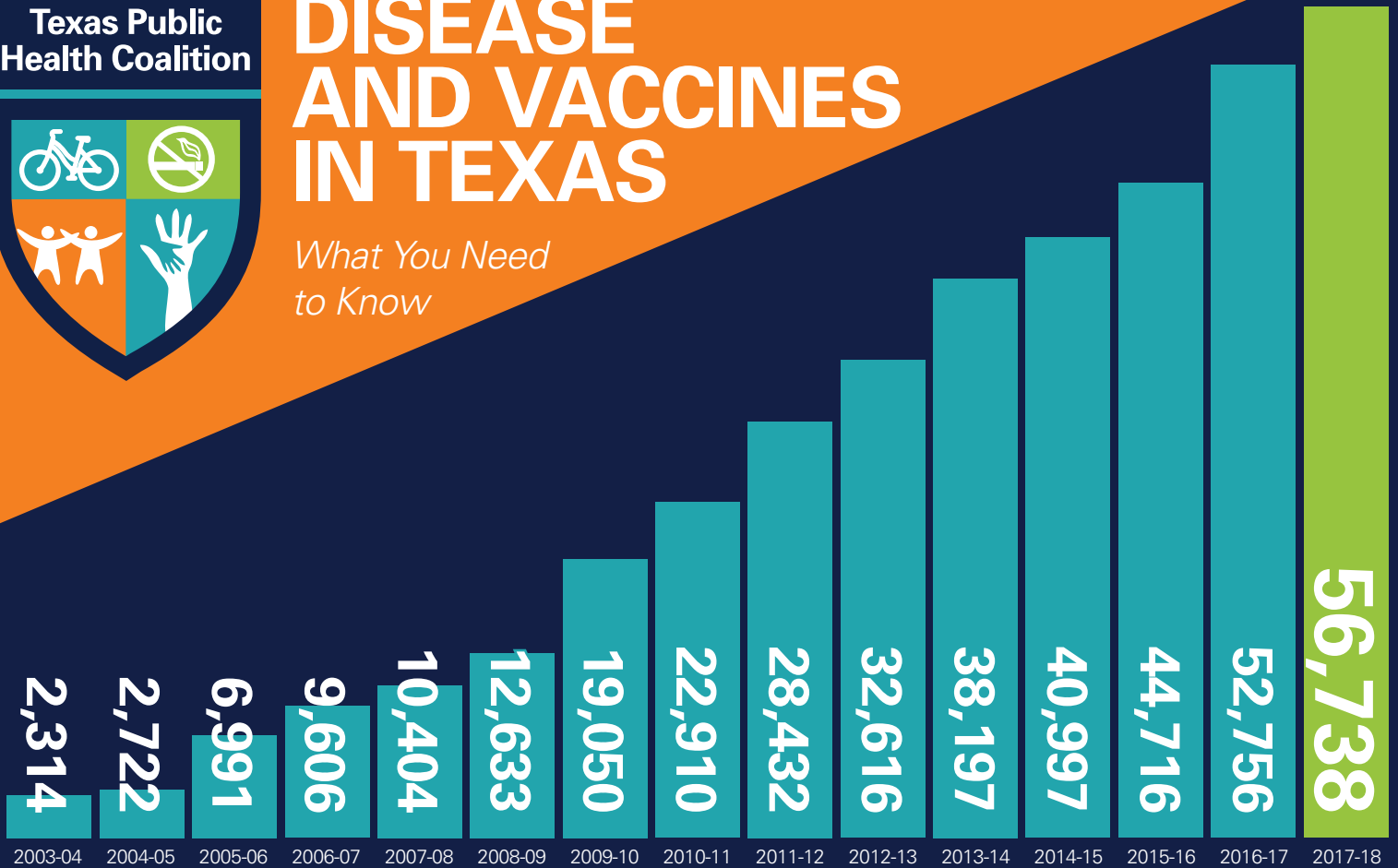
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NONMEDICAL SCHOOL VACCINE EXEMPTIONS ARE SOARING

From 2003 to 2018, Texas has seen a more than 2,300-percent increase in exemptions.⁶

IN A JULY 2018 LYCEUM POLL OF TEXANS:⁵



More than 70 percent believe vaccine benefits outweigh the risks.

Close to 80 percent say vaccination should be required for children to attend public schools.



TAKEAWAY

Vaccination is a safe and highly effective way to prevent disease.

The Texas Public Health Coalition recommends:

- Oppose efforts to weaken school vaccination requirements.
- Support measures to improve vaccination rates and lower risks for outbreaks.
- Support better government transparency about existing school data that could affect our vulnerability to outbreak.

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The Texas Public Health Coalition is a coalition of health professional organizations and health-focused organizations dedicated to disease prevention and health promotion.