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These bubbles are sized according to the annual number of cases in Ireland during the pre-vaccine era versus 2018. It is clear that significant progress has been made. However, we must not become complacent. We need to keep vaccine update at 95% to stop outbreaks of these serious infectious diseases.

Ireland, 1950
(annual disease cases in Ireland)

- Measles 15,000
- Rubella 5,000
- Polio 500
- Meningococcal 587
- Diphtheria 500*
- Pertussis 5,000

Ireland, 2018
(annual disease cases in Ireland)

- Measles 82
- Rubella 5
- Polio 0
- Meningococcal 89
- Diphtheria 0
- Pertussis 117

* The figure refers to numbers of diphtheria cases in 1948 as pre-vaccine data is not available.

Reference:
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