

San Diego Immunization Registry (SDIR) Computerized Records of Immunizations

Immunizations and tuberculosis (TB) tests are an important part of health care, but keeping track can be difficult when a person has more than one doctor. The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) - San Diego Immunization Registry (SDIR) is a computer-based immunization and TB test record tracking system. It is used to assist medical providers and other approved agencies to track and review immunization and TB test record information. CAIR-SDIR is **only** available to authorized providers/agencies, local public health departments in California, and the California Department of Public Health.

What Information Can Be Stored in the Registry?

- Name, sex and place of birth
- Parents' or guardians' names (for child under 18 years of age)
- Information allowed by law to help identify a person
- Details about shots and TB tests (skin or blood tests, chest x-rays) given to you or your child
- Height and weight information (which only your doctor and the health department can see)

How Does a Registry Help You?

- Helps to make sure that a person is immunized by sending reminders when you or your child need shots
- Helps prevent duplicate immunizations
- Allows you to get a current copy of the shot/TB test record from your doctor quickly
- Accounts for all the shots/TB tests needed to start child care or school

How Does a Registry Help Your Health Care Team?

- Doctors, nurses, health plans, and public health agencies may use the registry to help protect you, your child, and the public from diseases
- The health department may see height and weight information to help assess the health of our community and provide feedback to doctors
- Schools, child care centers, family child care homes, WIC programs, foster care agencies, and welfare departments may use the registry to see which shots/TB tests are needed for clients in their programs

Privacy

Only doctors, nurses, health plans, and public health departments may see a person's address or phone number in the registry. Other programs cannot see a person's address or phone number. The information in the registry, like other private medical information, is protected by law. Only your doctor and the health department can see height/weight information.

Your Rights as a Patient/Parent

It's your legal right to agree or refuse at any time to share your or your child's shot/TB test records in a registry.

If you DO want your or your child's immunization/TB test records shared in the registry, you don't have to do anything. You have the legal right to look at your shot/TB test records, to know who has seen the records, and to have your doctor request to change any mistakes in the records.

If you DO NOT want your or your child's immunization/TB test information shared in the registry, please ask for a "SDIR Stop/Start Sharing Request" from the clinic staff.

If you have questions, please call the SDIR Help Desk at (619) 692-5656.