

Information on a Computer Record of Vaccines

Vaccines are very important for health, but keeping track of them can be difficult, especially if a person has seen more than one doctor. An immunization registry stores vaccine (or “shot”) records electronically. You have the right to choose if you want your or your child’s shot record shared in a California Immunization registry. Please read this form to help you decide. If you have questions, please call the Help Desk at (619) 692-5656.

How Does a Registry Help You?

- Helps to make sure that a person doesn’t miss any shots or get too many shots
- Reminds you by mail or telephone when you or your child needs shots
- Allows you to get a new copy of the shot record from the doctor quickly
- Makes sure your child has all of the shots 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:

- See which shots you or your child needs
- Remind you about the shots you or your child needs
- Help protect you, your child, and the public from diseases

Schools, child care centers, family child care homes, WIC programs, foster care agencies, and welfare departments may use the registry to:

- See which shots are needed for children in their programs
- Make sure that these children have all of the shots needed to start child care or school

What Information Can Be Shared in a Registry?

Registry shot records include:

- A person’s name, sex and place of birth
- parents’ or guardians’ names (for child under 18 years of age)
- other information allowed by law to help identify a person
- details about shots given to you or your child

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 is protected like other private medical information.

Your Rights as a Patient/Parent

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

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

If you DO NOT want your or your child’s immunization information shared in the registry, please request a “SDIR Stop/Start Sharing Request” from the clinic staff.

