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What Health Care Providers Should Know About The DC Immunization Registry

What Is the DC Immunization Registry?

The [DC Immunization Registry](#) is an Internet-based system that receives and stores childhood and adult immunization records.

The [DC Immunization Registry](#) is a free service that gives healthcare providers quick access to important immunization information by keeping records in one, accessible place. [The DC Immunization Registry](#) can be accessed online at clinics, schools and managed care organizations.

The [DC Immunization Registry](#) will make it easier to find immunization records for medical appointments or school entry. [The DC Immunization Registry](#) automatically calculates immunization recommendations and school requirements.

Data maintained in [the DC Immunization Registry](#) is secure and confidential and can be seen only by approved users. At this time, only healthcare providers and authorized health department staff can enter information in or view information from [the DC Immunization Registry](#).

What Are the Reporting Requirements for Health Care Providers?

As of May 2, 2008, healthcare providers in the District of Columbia are required to report to **the DC Immunization Registry** immunization records of patients 0-26 years of age within 7 days of administering a vaccine. See 22 DCMR Sections 129.1-129.4.

The report must include

1. Demographic Data – patient's name, birthdate, gender, identification number, parent/guardian's name (if the patient is a minor), address, telephone number, race/ethnicity, insurance.
2. Vaccine Data – vaccine type, date administered, manufacturer, lot number, vaccine information statement usage, name of staff who administered vaccine
3. Provider Data – provider's name, address, telephone
4. Other Data – adverse reaction to immunization, medical contraindications, medical exemptions including reasons and expirations, serological laboratory results, and history of varicella as either a laboratory report or provider report with month and year of disease

Providers may report via data transfers from their electronic medical records or via paper vaccine administered records.

What Are The Benefits?

All healthcare providers located in DC or serving children and/or adults in DC may apply to be Users of the DC Immunization Registry. Users of the DC Immunization Registry may securely access complete immunization records on their patients.

Using the **DC Immunization Registry** will:

- Provide immediate access to patient immunization history.

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- Save time spent locating and interpreting records.
- Help to evaluate immunization status and recommend future doses needed including those needed for DC childcare and school.
- Allow the printing of forms needed for school, camp, Head Start and childcare complete with immunization dates.
- Produce reports for internal and external audits.
- Simplify immunization record keeping by printing a vaccine administration record for patient charts
- Help manage vaccine inventory.
- Generate reminders for upcoming or past due immunizations.
- Help reduce the incidence of missed opportunities to immunize and help to avoid duplicate immunizations.
- Promote cost-effective disease prevention that will improve the health of District of Columbia citizens.

Is My Patients' Information Safe in the DC Immunization Registry?

The privacy of your clients' health information is important. Healthcare providers, schools, and childcare centers are required to report immunization information to **the DC Immunization Registry**. All information in **the DC Immunization Registry** is kept safe and private and can be seen only by healthcare provider staff who are approved users. According to DC Municipal Regulations, **the DC Immunization Registry** may use the information to (1) produce aggregate immunization reports, (2) produce official immunization records for individuals, (3) notify a person, person's parent/guardian, healthcare provider, insurer, childcare, or school about needed immunizations, or (4) release identifiable data any other way with the consent of the person or person's parent/guardian. Your patients may request that their immunization record not be disclosed to other users of **the DC Immunization Registry**.