

Immunization Registry Notice to Patients and Parents

Immunizations or 'shots' prevent serious diseases. Keeping track of shots you or your child have received can be hard. It's especially hard if more than one doctor gave them. Today, doctors and other approved agencies use a secure computer system called an *Immunization Registry* to keep track of shots. If you change doctors, your new doctor can use the Registry to see the shot record. It's your right to choose if you want shot records shared in the *California Immunization Registry*.

How Does a Registry Help You?

- Keeps track of all shots, so you don't miss any or get too many
- Helps your doctor send reminders to you when you or your child need shots
- Helps you get a copy of your shot record if you lose it
- Can show proof of shots needed to start child care, school, or a new job

How Does a Registry Help Your Health Care Team?

Doctors, nurses, health plans, and public health agencies use the Registry to:

- See which shots are needed
- Remind you about shots needed
- Prevent disease in your community
- Help with record-keeping

Can Schools or Other Programs See the Registry?

Yes, but this is limited. Schools, child care, and other agencies allowed under California law may:

- See which shots children in their programs need
- Make sure children have all shots needed to start child care or school

What Information Can Be Shared in a Registry?

- Patient's name, sex, and birth place
- Parents' or guardians' names
- Limited information to identify patients
- Details about a patient's shots

What's entered in the Registry is treated like other private medical information. Misuse of the Registry can be punished by law. Under California law, only healthcare providers, health plans, or public health departments may see your address and phone number.

Patient and Parent Rights

It's your legal right to:

- Not share your or your child's registry shot records with others besides your doctor*
- Look at a copy of your or your child's shot records in the Registry
- See who has viewed your or your child's record or to have the doctor change any mistakes in the Registry

If you DO NOT want your doctor's office to share your immunization information in the Registry: Please request a "*Decline or Start Sharing/Information Request Form*" from your doctor's office.

For more information call (213) 351-7411.

* By law, public health officials can also look at the Registry in the case of a public health emergency.