



We help you call the shots!

FACT SHEET

What is the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR)? The CIR is a computerized filing system that keeps immunization records of people vaccinated in NYC. The CIR started in 1997 when a NYC Health Code amendment went into effect requiring health care providers to report immunizations given to all children under 8 years of age. As of August 18, 2005, the Health Code requires providers to report immunizations given to all people under 19 years of age, and allows for reporting of immunizations given to people 19 years of age and over, with patient consent.

How can the CIR help you? The CIR makes immunization records available to individuals, parents, legal guardians or custodians, health care providers, health plans, schools, and other agencies concerned with health to help ensure that NYC residents receive all required immunizations and are, thereby, protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.

- **Health Care Providers** can quickly look up their patients in the Online Registry, using the Internet, to see which immunizations were given in the past and which immunizations are due now. This helps to both reduce “missed opportunities” to immunize and avoid unnecessary immunizations. Providers may also print out an official immunization record for a patient or parent, or print out a school New Admission Exam Form (211 S), WIC Medical Referral Form, or Health Record for Day Camps, After-School, and Youth Centers with immunizations already entered on the form. The provider may also call the CIR at 212-676-2323 to request a patient’s immunization record. CIR staff will immediately fax the record to the provider’s office.
- **Individuals and parents, legal guardians, or custodians** may get a free copy of their own or their child’s immunization record from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by calling the CIR at 212-676-2323 and filling out a short application. This application is also available online at www.nyc.gov/health/cir. The CIR record is an official immunization record that may be taken to a health care provider, used for primary and secondary school, day care or camp entry, or for WIC screening, or given to an employer requiring documentation of immunization status.

The CIR works in partnership with the **New York City Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**. Health care providers and health plans can now look up the immunization and lead test history of their patient or plan member in the Online Registry. The CIR also works with **health plans and health care providers** to identify individuals needing immunizations. Individuals or families may be contacted and urged to visit a health care provider to be brought up-to-date for immunizations.

The CIR is working with the **New York City Department of Education** to provide immunization records to schools for new entrants. The CIR also works collaboratively with **WIC** to facilitate screening and referral of children needing immunizations.

The information in the CIR is kept confidential and is disclosed only to providers, parents, legal guardians or custodians, individuals, or agencies concerned with health for the purpose of protecting the health of the individual or others.

Visit Us Online! nyc.gov/health/cir



The Citywide Immunization Registry
125 Worth St. CN #64R, New York, NY 10013
(212) 676-2323 fax (212) 676-2314