



# COLORADO IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

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### ***What is the Colorado Immunization Information System?***

Also known as Colorado's immunization registry, the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS) is a confidential, population-based, computerized information system that collects and disseminates consolidated immunization information for Coloradans of all ages. Operated by the Colorado Immunization Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, CIIS helps healthcare providers, schools, childcare centers, universities, and individuals keep track of the shots that they and/or their children have received.

### ***Why is this important?***

The schedule of shots that is necessary for you/your child to stay healthy and required for your child to attend school, daycare, camp and university becomes more complicated with every new vaccine development. Keeping all the shots in one place, and on one record, helps ensure that you and your child get the complete schedule of immunizations – no more and no less.

### ***What information about me/my child will be entered into CIIS?***

The shots that you/your child have already received and any vaccines that you/your child will receive in the future will be entered into CIIS. Other information, including mother's name (for individuals under 18 years of age), gender, and the office where each shot is given will be included in the registry to be sure that your/your child's record is accurate and cannot be confused with another patient's record. Your address will also be included in the system to allow your healthcare provider to send you a card to remind you when you/your child are due for an immunization. All information entered into CIIS is secure and confidential.

### ***How can CIIS help me?***

In addition to helping you keep track of your/your child's shot record, CIIS also:

- Consolidates all immunization records for any shots that you/your child have received from multiple healthcare providers into ONE shot record
- Allows your healthcare provider to see what shots are needed to keep you/your child healthy
- Helps ensure that you/your child do not miss any shots or get unnecessary shots
- Provides an accurate, official copy of your/your child's immunization history to healthcare providers, schools and childcare centers participating in CIIS
- Helps ensure that your/your child's immunizations are up-to-date
- Allows your healthcare provider to remind you when it is time for your/your child's next shot
- Helps ensure timely immunization for you/your child if your family has moved or changed healthcare providers
- Keeps records safe during natural disasters
- Helps prevent disease outbreaks in your community

### ***Who can receive copies of my/my child's shot records from CIIS?***

Information in CIIS can only be released to:

- You (only through your healthcare provider)
- Your/your child's healthcare provider
- A school, childcare or university where you/your child are enrolled
- A managed care organization or health insurer where you/your child are enrolled
- Hospitals
- Persons or entities who have an agreement with the State of Colorado for immunizations
- The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing if you/your child are enrolled in Medicaid

### ***Can I get my/my child's immunization records directly from CIIS?***

No. CIIS does not release records directly to individuals. Please contact your healthcare provider for your/your child's shot records.

### ***What if I don't want my/my child's shot information entered into CIIS?***

You can choose to have your/your child's immunization data excluded from CIIS at any time. Please contact your healthcare provider for more information on the opt-out procedure.

### ***How can I get more information about CIIS?***

Please visit the CIIS website at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/immunization/ciis/>, contact CIIS directly at our toll-free number: 1 (888) 611-9918, or ask your healthcare provider for more information about CIIS.

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