



Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR)

Keeping Track of Your Child's Vaccinations

What is the Wisconsin Immunization Registry?

The Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) is a secure computerized record of the vaccinations given to children in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services created the WIR for the health and safety of people in Wisconsin.

How does it work?

When a child receives a vaccine, the information is entered and stored in the WIR system. The child's parents, legal guardian or health care professionals then are able to keep track of the vaccines given and when.

Why do we need this registry?

As you know, children need a lot of immunizations. Most of these vaccines are needed before the child reaches age 2. Many children receive vaccines in more than one place or from more than one health care provider. This makes it hard to keep track of the vaccines a child may need at a given time. The child could miss a vaccine or receive one that was given already. Here's how the WIR helps to solve these problems:

- It keeps a complete record of vaccines your child has received and the ones that are still needed.
- If you move within the state or change health care providers, your new provider will be able to look up your child's information.

Can anyone look up my child's immunization record?

No. The Wisconsin Immunization Registry is designed to protect your child's information. Public and private health care providers can use the system only after they have been trained and assigned an access code. They also must sign an agreement to keep all information confidential.

Can I look up my own child's record?

Yes. Parents and legal guardians now can look up their child's record.

- Before accessing your child's record, their Social Security number must be entered into the system. This must be completed by a health care professional. Please bring your child's Social Security number to your doctor visit. The nursing staff can enter this information early on, ensuring you lifelong access to your child's record.

How do I look up my own child's record?

- Go to the registry website: dhfswir.org
- Click on "Public Immunization Record Access."
- Perform a search for the child's record using all of the items below:
 - First name
 - Last name
 - Date of birth
 - The child's Social Security number **or** Medicaid ID number (This number is kept secure and is not shared with anyone.)

Because of the need to enter the Social Security number, there will be some delay in being able to look up a newborn's information.

The registry help desk can assist you from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call **608-266-9691**.

If you have questions about the WIR, talk with your health care provider or visit:
dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization