

# The Citywide Immunization Registry And Your Privacy

#### What is the Citywide Immunization Registry?

The Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) is a confidential database that contains records of vaccines given to patients in New York City.

### Am I required to have my vaccine records in the CIR?

Providers are required to send vaccine records to the CIR for patients age 18 and younger. Individuals age 19 and older can choose to add their information to the CIR

#### Why should I put my information in the CIR?

There are many benefits to having your vaccine records in the CIR. The CIR collects New Yorkers' immunization records in one place so that you and your doctors know which vaccines you have had and which vaccines you may need. You can access the CIR if you start seeing a new provider or if you lose your record.

### Who can view my immunization record or my child's immunization record?

You, your doctor, your pharmacist, your child's school or college, your health insurance plan and some social services programs — such as Women, Infants and Children (WIC) — can view your immunization record.

To learn how to access your or your child's record, visit My Vaccine Record at nyc.gov/myvaccinerecord or call 311.

## Can my CIR record be used for immigration enforcement?

The CIR does not include your social security number or immigration status. New York State law protects the privacy of your CIR records. The New York City Health Department cares about your health, not your immigration status. We respect the privacy of all patients. Get the care you need.

Call 800-354-0365 or 311 for information about support services, such as legal assistance, through ActionNYC. To learn more about your rights, visit nyc.gov/immigrants.

