

#### **What is the Wisconsin immunization registry (WIR)?**

The WIR is a secure computerized record of the vaccinations given to children in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin department of health and family 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 will be able to keep track of what vaccines were given and when.

#### **Why do we need this registry?**

A top priority of the WIR is to reduce or stop the number of vaccine-preventable diseases that affect children in our state. Many children receive vaccines from more than one clinic, city, or health care provider. This makes it hard to keep track of which vaccines the child may need at a given time. The child could miss a vaccine or receive one that is already given. Here's how the WIR helps to solve these problems:

- It keeps a complete record of which vaccines your child has received and which 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.
- Eliminates the administration of duplicate immunizations
- Assists providers in determining which immunizations are needed and ensures children get only the vaccinations they need
- Consolidates immunization records from different sources into a single record.

#### **Can anyone look up my child's immunization record?**

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

#### **Can I look up my own child's record?**

YES. Parents and legal guardians can now look up their child's record by following these steps:

- Go to the WIR website:  
<https://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/immunization>
- Click on "Public Immunization Record Access."
- Perform a search for the child's record using all the items below:
  - First name
  - Last name
  - Date of birth
  - The child's social security number or Medicaid ID number

Because of the need to enter the Social security number, there will be some delay in being able to look up newborns information.

The WIR helpdesk 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 Wisconsin Immunization Registry, talk with your help provider or visit

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/immunization>.