Will medical or religious exemptions be included in NHIIS?

If the patient's immunization information is entered into NHIIS, the record will be noted with the appropriate exemption.

Is participation in NHIIS mandatory for patients?

No. Participation in NHIIS is voluntary. If a patient chooses not to participate or have their immunization information stored in NHIIS:

- The patient should contact their participating health care provider to obtain a Choose Not to Participate in the New Hampshire Immunization/Vaccination Registry form.
- If a patient has multiple health care providers who participate in NHIIS, the patient must notify and complete the Choose Not to Participate in the New Hampshire Immunization/Vaccination Registry form for each of their health care providers.
- The health care provider is then responsible to ensure that the patient's immunization information is not contained in NHIIS.

Do schools have access to this data?

School nurses will have "read only" privileges to access immunization records for their students.

Where can a patient find additional information?

Contact your participating health care provider.

NHIIS
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New Hampshire Immunization Program
Vaccinate for Life!
NH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NH DIVISION OF Public Health Services
Improving health, preventing disease, reducing costs *for all*
Department of Health and Human Services

NHIIS

New Hampshire Immunization Information System

Patient Information

NHIIS is funded through a combination of state and federal funds.

Patient Information NHIIS

What is an Immunization Information System (IIS)?

An IIS, sometimes called a vaccine registry, is a secure, statewide, web-based system that connects and shares immunization information among public clinics, private provider offices, local health departments, schools, hospitals, and other health care facilities that administer immunizations and provide medical care to New Hampshire residents.

Why is an IIS needed?

A statewide IIS will improve the immunization status of all New Hampshire residents by having a consolidated system of immunization information, available to health care providers, school nurses and families. It can remind patients to receive all recommended immunizations in a timely manner and provides patients with information about routinely recommended immunizations. It also ensures appropriate management and use of vaccines and is an important tool to control communicable diseases by aiding in the identification of persons who need immediate vaccination in the event of a disease outbreak.

What is NHIIS?

NHIIS is the name for New Hampshire's Immunization Information System, a service of the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS). NHIIS is a web-based statewide immunization information system that maintains vaccine information for people of all ages in a confidential and secure manner, at no cost to the individual or health care provider.

Do other states have Immunization Information Systems?

Immunization Information Systems are operational in all of the other 49 states.

What information is reported to NHIIS?

Information required to be reported includes: patient name, date of birth, gender, complete address including county of residence, mother's maiden name, vaccine name, manufacturer, lot number and the date the vaccine was administered.

Are patient records in NHIIS kept secure?

Yes. NHIIS was designed with multiple security controls in place to protect immunization information and patient confidentiality.

What are the benefits of NHIIS to patients?

- NHIIS consolidates a patient's vaccine information from multiple health care providers into a single reliable record;
- Health care providers have quick and easy access to immunization records for patients when needed (e.g., schools, licensed child care centers, and/or camp entry requirements);
- NHIIS assists in managing immunizations so patients only receive needed vaccines within the appropriate timeframes;
- In the event of a disease outbreak, NHIIS can assist in identifying if a patient requires immediate vaccination; and
- Health care providers will have access to a patient's vaccine history if a patient moves, changes providers, or experiences a natural disaster, such as flood, hurricane, or a disease outbreak.

Are immunizations given to adults included in NHIIS?

Yes, NHIIS is for people of all ages.

How do patients obtain copies of their immunization records?

Patients should contact their participating health care provider. For patients who do not have a health care provider, contact the NH Immunization Program at (603) 271-4028 to obtain a copy.

Where can I get more information?

Speak with your healthcare provider to learn more about NHIIS. Additional information is available on https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/immunization/nhiis.htm.