

New Hampshire Immunization Information System New Parent Information

Congratulations on the birth of your baby!

This is a special time for you and your family. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services wants to make sure your baby has the best start possible. Let's work together to keep your baby healthy!

What is the NHIS?

The New Hampshire Immunization Information System (NHIS) is New Hampshire's statewide vaccine registry. This secure (HIPAA compliant) and confidential registry keeps track of your baby's shots throughout their life span. The NHIS shares this information with your baby's healthcare providers.



What are the benefits of using NHIS?



NHIS keeps all of your vaccine records in one place. If your baby changes doctors within NH, the new doctor will be able to automatically see all the vaccines your child has received.



NHIS provides you with an official vaccine record when you need them for school, childcare, or college through the patient portal at <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/vaccination-record-instructions>



NHIS tells your doctor when your baby is due for a vaccination. This helps to ensure your child is up-to-date on their vaccines and protected from vaccine preventable diseases.



NHIS can prevent your baby from receiving extra vaccine doses they do not need. Doctors can quickly and easily see the vaccines your child has received, and will know if your child is due for a vaccine or has already received it.



NHIS can help prevent disease outbreaks by identifying immediately if your child needs a vaccine to keep them safe.

NHIS information is private. Information is only shared with you, your baby's healthcare providers, and your child's school nurse.

What information is shared to the NHIS?

Information sent to NHIS by participating providers includes: patient name, date of birth, gender, complete address including county of residence, vaccine name, manufacturer, lot number and the date the vaccine was administered.

Am I required to participate in the NHIS?

Participating in the NHIS is voluntary and not required. You are able to Opt-In or Opt-Out (to share or not share your child's vaccine information) of the NHIS by notifying the administering provider. You may be asked to complete a form indicating your choice. If you choose to Opt-In, you will be asked to provide explicit consent to share your/your child's information and your/your child's vaccination information will be entered in the NHIS. If you choose not to Opt-In your information will not be shared.

What if I change my mind?

No problem! You are able to choose to participate or decide not to participate in the NHIS at any time. Please inform your administering provider if you have changed your mind.

How can I request a copy of my baby's vaccine record?

Parents can download and print a copy of the NHIS record from the patient portal at any time, visit <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/vaccination-record-instructions>.

? Where can I get more information?

Speak with your healthcare provider to learn more about NHIS. Additional information is available on <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/disease-prevention/immunizations/nh-immunization-information-system>

