

California CAIR contacts



Visit CAIR on the web at: www.CairWeb.org



Immunization Branch
850 Marina Bay Pkwy. • Richmond, CA 94804

IMM-902 (5/12) – Spanish

Tracking California's Immunization Records

CAIR Helps Keep Immunizations Up-to-Date



What is CAIR?

The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is a secure, computerized database of California's public health system that helps doctors, agencies, and schools keep track of shots. CAIR is a tool to help doctors make sure all California kids, teens, and even adults get protection from serious diseases.

Why do parents need CAIR?

It can be hard for busy parents to keep track of a child's immunization shot record (sometimes called the yellow card). If lost or incomplete, this may mean extra time and effort getting into school or day care—or even repeating shots for your child.

CAIR benefits

- Keeps the patient's immunization information in one record—even if you move, change doctors, or switch health plans.
- Gives you your child's immunization record for school, day care or camp entry or college. Participating schools can use CAIR to see if your child has had all required immunizations.
- Helps your doctor send you a reminder when next immunizations are due.
- Makes it easy to get a copy of the yellow card if it ever gets lost.



Information kept in CAIR

- Patient's name, birth date, address and phone number
- Parent/guardian name
- Patient's shot history
- Any serious reaction the patient has had to a vaccine

CAIR information can be shared with

- Doctors, other authorized health care providers, and California public health departments
- Schools and child care centers (to prove your child has had required shots)
- WIC clinics and CalWorks (to let you know if your child needs shots)
- Health plans (to help process insurance payments)

You have these rights

- Decide not to share shot information outside your doctor's office
- Look at the record and correct any errors
- Ask which agencies have seen the shot record

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens when I participate in CAIR?

When your doctor's office uses CAIR, the immunization record gets entered into the secure CAIR database. This lets all participating doctors, clinics and other authorized agencies look up the record. That way, they can make sure they have the most complete and up-to-date immunization information on every child, teen, and adult in the system. There is no fee to you or your doctor.

Is CAIR secure and confidential?

Yes. CAIR safeguards all medical and other private information. Only authorized staff can use the CAIR registry; it is restricted to those who need to update or check the immunization record. Security violations can be punished under state law.

What if there is incorrect information in the record?

You may request a printed copy of the immunization record at any time. If you see anything wrong, tell your doctor's office or clinic so they can correct it.

What if I don't want my family's CAIR records shared with other doctors or agencies?

That's your choice. Just tell your doctor's office. You will get a simple form to sign to confirm your preference.

If I choose **not** to participate now, can I change my mind later?

Yes! You can give permission at any time to start or stop having your or your child's shot records shared with other doctors and agencies. You will need to sign a form at the doctor's office if you are changing your mind.



Connected & Protected