

## **School Nurses Can Utilize the Immunization Registry**

Every year, school nurses across Vermont struggle to meet reporting regulations around immunizations. They spend countless hours calling parents and health care providers, trying to locate shot records for their students. In many states across the US, this situation is changing as school nurses obtain secure access to Immunization Registries. Through Registries, school nurses can directly access a statewide database of childhood immunization records. They get the immunization records they need, and providers and parents get fewer phone calls!

There is no cost to participate. We provide training either in groups or via phone for the school nurse. The registry is accessed via the internet to a secure server at VDH, so the access to the information is secure and password protected. We provide continuous support through our toll free hotline and email. School nurses can access and print immunization records. FERPA regulations have been cleared for the school nurses to have "read only" access.

The first step is getting a confidentiality agreement signed. Once we have your agreement we create a username and password for you so you can start to utilize the Immunization Registry. We have over one hundred schools already participating.

- **To get a username and password simply contact us at 888-688-4667 or email us at [imr@vdh.state.vt.us](mailto:imr@vdh.state.vt.us).**

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