

How to Access the Registry When you Have an Apple Computer

At this time the Vermont Immunization Registry is only accessible through using Microsoft Internet Explorer web browser. There are however a few options:

Option 1: A perhaps much simpler option would be to have a laptop or computer running Windows available specifically for accessing the registry and any other Windows specific programs. This option may be cheaper or at least easier to operate depending on the school's or practice's individual setup. It may especially be a more reasonable option for school nurses who will be primarily using it once a year to print out updated records.

Option 2: Install and run Microsoft Windows on the computer through which you are trying to access the registry. Since 2005, Macs have been built with Intel processors which allows Microsoft's operating systems to run on Apple's hardware. First you can use either a program called Boot Camp which is included with the Mac OS X. You will still need to purchase a copy of Windows and the down side to Boot Camp is that you can't switch easily between the two operating systems. The next option would be to run a virtual machine and install Windows to run within that. This is done by creating a virtual PC within the Macintosh OS X. There are two programs that are primarily used, Parallels Desktop and VMware Fusion, although there certainly may be other brands out there. These applications let you run Windows (and its incorporated applications, e.g. internet explorer) along-side your Macintosh OS X applications, allowing you to switch rather seamlessly between the two systems.

We are working on creating a way to access the Vermont Immunization Registry through other web browsers. We do not however have a timeline for when this would be available. Finally while we offer the information above, we still strongly recommend discussing these options with your IT support personnel, along with any other ideas they may have, to determine which is the best option for your individual system.

Thank you for your interest in using the Vermont Immunization Registry. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.