

WARNING: CHANGE AHEAD!

We're about to make a change regarding PATIENT SEARCH. Starting very soon, we will REQUIRE DATE OF BIRTH on every search.

It's tempting to do a quick search on a last name, but using FIRSTNAME + LASTNAME + DATE OF BIRTH does a much better job at finding records. And if you find the right record, that can save you a lot of time entering historical shots.

Example:

Your Patient is Bugs Bunny DOB 3/13/2004

If you search for just the last name, there are many records to sort through, and you may not even find Bugs on the list.

If you enter firstname + lastname + DOB on the search, it will find the record even if the last name you have is part of a hyphenated last name recorded some other time in their life. In many cases, the existing record has a lot of immunizations already recorded that you will not have to enter!

In this case, perhaps Bugs' name at birth was Bugs Appleton-Bunny. (Hyphenated names are one of the most common causes of unsuccessfully searches.) This new search strategy will help you find that record.

If you have questions, or concerns, please contact us anytime at (888) 688-4667.

News from Immunization Registry: More Records in the System, Less Typing for Users!

Good news - Thanks to an enormous effort from the Vital Records team at the Department of Health, there are now over 620,000 more individuals in the Immunization Registry. We have back-loaded birth certificate data going back to 1910, so you should now find records for most Vermonters in the system, regardless of their age.

It's now REALLY important that you search using **First name + Last name + DOB**. If you are looking for a common name, there may be more than one match. Note the page number at the lower right indicating additional matches. Click on it to see more matches.

IMR Patient	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth
Select	Cake	Coconut		3/15/2006
Select	cake	Pecan		5/5/2004
Select	cake	buttermilk		1/1/2005
Select	Cake	Vanilla	Wafer	1/1/2000
Select	Cake	Hazelnut	Supreme	8/8/2004
Select	Cake	Devils		5/6/1938
Select	cake	whipped	cream	1/1/1980
Select	Cake	Spice		3/2/1999

We are working hard at data quality, but it is more likely that you will come across a duplicate record in the next few weeks. Please let us know by phone or email, and we will address it as quickly as we can.

When you open one of these new records, you will still need to enter an address, but other fields like middle name, title, gender, and in some cases parent information will be complete. This should not only help you by saving keystrokes, but it will also help us with patient matching.

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