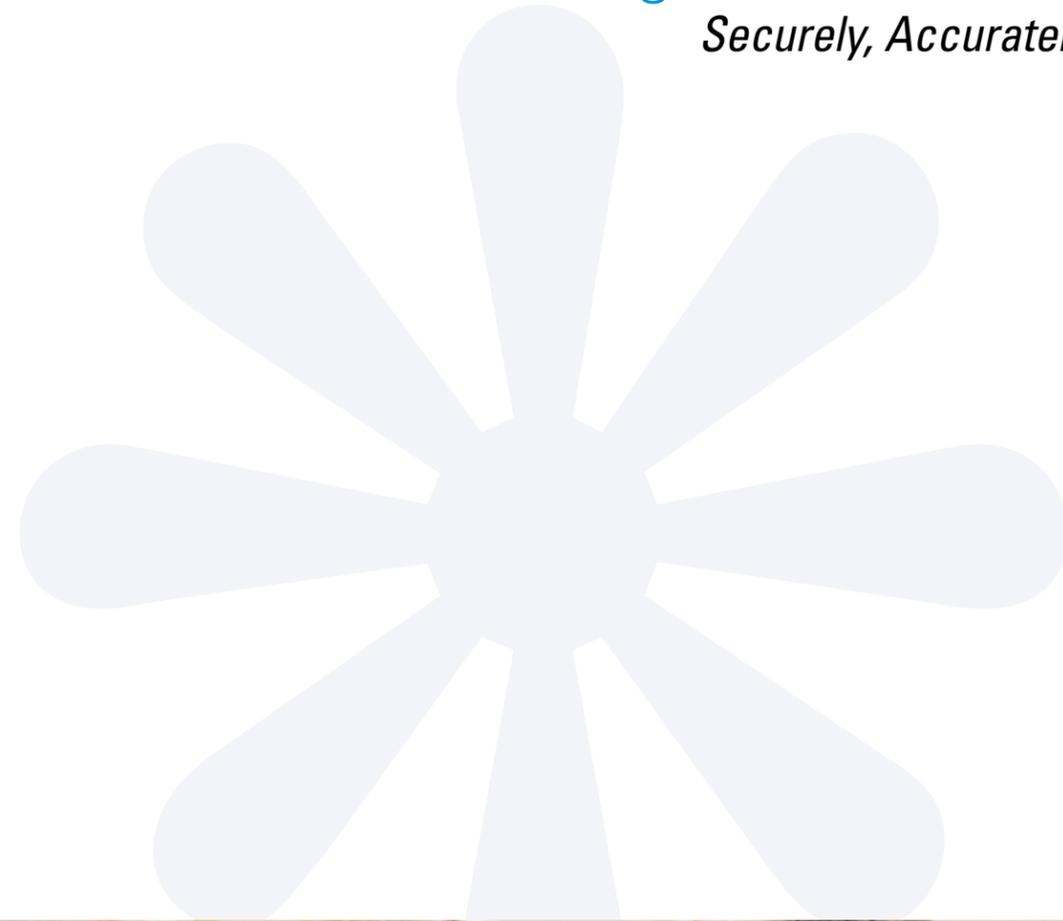


VERMONT IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY

* **Protecting Our Children's Health**
Securely, Accurately, Confidentially



 **VERMONT**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

* Support Telephone: 1-888-6VT-IMMS (1-888-688-4667) *

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"A four-year-old is brought to our office for the first time, needing a check-up and immunizations. We don't have the child's records. How do I treat her safely when I don't know which shots she's had and which she needs?"

THE VERMONT IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY SUPPORTS YOUR DEDICATION TO CARE



SUCCEEDING AGAINST VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES



Infectious diseases in the U.S. have been reduced dramatically, thanks to vaccine advancements, increased immunizations, and diligent care by providers. Immunization rates are now at their highest levels, with Vermont—at well over 90% for most vaccines—far ahead of the national average.

That achievement reflects the excellent work of health care providers across the state. Yet some children miss their required shots or even receive unnecessary immunizations, because their families move, change doctors, or switch insurers. As a result, there's room to improve even Vermont's high level of vaccination coverage.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, immunization registries—computerized vaccination record-keeping systems—may increase vaccination rates, and help during disease outbreaks.

THE VERMONT IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY CAN HELP YOUR PRACTICE:

- VIEW SECURE, ONLINE AND ACCURATE IMMUNIZATION RECORDS
- PROMOTE TIMELY VACCINATIONS
- INCREASE VACCINATION RATES
- PROTECT VERMONT CHILDREN'S HEALTH

ONLINE VACCINATION RECORDS CAN BENEFIT YOUR PRACTICE

Through its computer-based system, the Registry lets participating health care practices view secure and accurate vaccination records. You'll see each child's immunization history—from your practice and other enrolled Vermont providers—organized into one up-to-date, unified record.

WITH THE REGISTRY, YOUR PRACTICE CAN:

- UPDATE RECORDS QUICKLY
- PRINT REPORTS EASILY
- FLAG CONTRAINDICTIONS
- KEEP PATIENTS CURRENT WITH IMMUNIZATIONS
- MAINTAIN VACCINE INVENTORIES

As Registry users, your entire primary care staff—pediatricians, family practice physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and office nurses—will find support for their excellence of care.

REGISTRY EXPERTISE CAN BENEFIT YOUR PRACTICE

The Registry was established by state law in 1997. It was designed, developed, and is operated by the Vermont Department of Health, which contributes its extensive knowledge in health surveillance, vital statistics, technology, and immunization.

REGISTRY PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS MAKE THE REGISTRY A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HEALTH CARE PRACTICES THROUGHOUT VERMONT:

- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS - VERMONT CHAPTER
- VERMONT ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS



EVERY DAY, THE VERMONT IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY HELPS YOUR PRACTICE WORK SMARTER



UPDATE RECORDS QUICKLY

“We spend hours documenting immunization information, looking for new patient histories, and more. When families call, sometimes we can’t find the files because they were needed for information processing.”



Your office uses the Registry through computerized Web access, which speeds processing. The Registry helps cut time spent pulling patient files, shuffling through papers, changing records by hand, and photocopying.

By consolidating vaccination records from different providers, the Registry lets you see at a glance what immunizations a child has received elsewhere in the state.

PRINT REPORTS EASILY

“We have to document our patients’ vaccinations for everything from day care to sports programs. There just isn’t enough time to keep up with it all!”



When families need documentation of their children’s shots for schools, athletic teams, camps and day care, your Registry software prints out that important data quickly and easily — freeing your staff to spend time on more critical functions.

Your Registry software will print those reports in the easy-to-read format required by academic, recreational, and childcare entities.

FLAG CONTRAINDICATIONS

“Some of our patients can’t have certain vaccines, for medical or personal reasons. We need an effective way to keep our staff up-to-date on those specifics.”

The Registry alerts your staff to patients who should not receive certain vaccines by noting contraindications and objections.

Registry software allows your practice to insert “alert” flags into patient records.

KEEP PATIENTS CURRENT WITH IMMUNIZATIONS

“We get so many calls from parents asking when their children’s next shots are due. Then we have to search for the information and call them back. It takes a lot of time!”

The Registry is designed to let you know which patients are due—or overdue—for immunizations. Color-coded screens make it easy to see a patient record at a glance.

MAINTAIN VACCINE INVENTORIES

“A vaccine shortage or recall could happen anytime. We need to be able to respond immediately.”

You can maintain your practice's current vaccine inventory by name and lot number. Those details are also automatically entered for every current immunization.

This provides an extra measure of safety, should a side effect occur or problem arise from a specific batch of vaccine.



BRING THE REGISTRY'S BENEFITS TO YOUR PRACTICE—WE CAN ENROLL YOU IMMEDIATELY!



WHAT THE VERMONT IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY PROVIDES:

1. SOFTWARE
2. TRAINING
3. QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE
4. SECURITY
5. SUPPORT



1 SOFTWARE

We provide the software you need to access the Registry from your office. Installation takes just a short amount of time. A support trainer will guide you through the process.

Because the Registry is Web-based, there's no additional software to purchase. Each time you access the Registry, it's ready to be used. We make improvements, such as updates and new versions, automatically and regularly.

The Registry was designed with input from health care providers and users statewide and support considerations were solidly addressed. Software support is provided by Physician's Computer Company (PCC), a Vermont firm that specializes in designing and supporting software for pediatric practices.

2 TRAINING

Learning to use the Registry takes just one convenient session. You may opt for either an in-person visit to your practice from a Registry trainer, or for telephone training, where you'll work with the software while speaking with a Vermont-based trainer. Your interactive training takes only about an hour.

Training is available for anyone in your practice who will be using the Registry—including office managers, nurses, physicians or other providers. Sessions are conducted for one to four users, on the computers equipped for Registry access.

3 QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

The Vermont Immunization Registry Quick Reference Guide helps answer questions that may arise after training. This helpful publication should be kept near any computer being used for Registry record keeping.

Read the Quick Reference Guide before your training, to get a good overview of Registry functions. We'll be happy to send additional copies of the guide for all users in your practice.

4 SECURITY

The Registry has been carefully designed to maintain confidentiality for patients, families and your practice. For example, Registry access is strictly limited to Vermont healthcare providers. Moreover, a secure server houses the Registry, with multiple levels of password protection required. In addition, each prospective user must sign a confidentiality agreement before training can occur.

5 SUPPORT

If you need help or have a support question, email or call our help team anytime. Reach us at support@vtimms.org or call 1-888-6VT-IMMS (1-888-688-4667).

WHAT YOU NEED

- A COMPUTER CURRENTLY IN YOUR PRACTICE
- INTERNET ACCESS

THAT'S IT! WE PROVIDE YOU WITH EVERYTHING ELSE.

If you have questions contact the help team at call 1-888-6VT-IMMS (1-888-688-4667)

HOW DOES A PROVIDER OR PRACTICE ENROLL IN THE VERMONT IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY?

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