

A Guide to Iowa's Immunization Law

Chapter 7

*Immunization and Immunization Education:
Persons Attending Elementary or Secondary Schools,
Licensed Child Care Centers or
Institutions of Higher Education*

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Introduction

This guide describes the immunization requirements for individuals attending elementary or secondary schools, licensed child care centers or institutions of higher education under the following authority:

- Iowa Code Section 139A.8, Immunization of Children
- Iowa Code Section 139A.26, Meningococcal Disease Vaccination Information for Post Secondary Students
- 641 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 7

This guide is intended to provide technical assistance to healthcare providers, elementary, secondary and postsecondary schools, licensed child care centers, and local public health agencies regarding Iowa Code Sections 139A.8 and 139A.26.

The manner and frequency of administration of immunizations shall be consistent with 641 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4. These recognized standards are based upon recommended standards of medical practice in accordance with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - National Immunization Program (NIP), Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and the latest Report of the Committee of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Red Book).

Immunization Requirements / Persons Included

The immunization requirements apply to individuals enrolled in the following settings:

- Licensed child care centers (a facility or program licensed by the Iowa Department of Human Services to provide child care for seven or more children or a prekindergarten or preschool operated by a local school district, an accredited nonpublic school, an area education agency, or a college or university)
- Public or nonpublic (private) elementary or secondary school
- Competent private instruction (home schooled) as defined in 281 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 31

Individuals attending a school or licensed child care center (not including registered or in-home child care) must provide at least one of the following:

- Certificate of Immunization
- Certificate of Immunization Exemption (Medical/Religious)
- Provisional Certificate of Immunization

A foreign exchange student or individual transferring from a non U.S. school must provide at least one of the certificates listed above.

Required Immunizations

Requirements for Children in Licensed Child Care Centers (641 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4)

By the first day of attendance in a licensed child care center, an individual shall have the following vaccines:

Age	Vaccine	Total Doses Required
< 2 months	None	
2 through 5 months	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis ¹	1 dose
	Polio	1 dose
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	1 dose
6 through 14 months	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis ¹	2 doses
	Polio	2 doses
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	2 doses
15 through 18 months	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis ¹	3 doses
	Polio	3 doses
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	3 doses, with the final dose in the series received when the applicant is ≥ 12 months of age; or 1 dose received when the applicant is ≥ 15 months of age.
	Measles/Rubella ²	1 dose of measles/rubella-containing vaccine received after the applicant was at least 12 months of age; or the applicant demonstrates a positive antibody test for measles and rubella.
19 months and older	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis ¹	3 doses
	Polio	3 doses
	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type B	3 doses, with the final dose in the series received when the applicant is ≥ 12 months of age; or 1 dose received when the applicant is ≥ 15 months of age.
	Measles/Rubella ²	1 dose of measles/rubella containing vaccine received after the applicant was at least 12 months of age; or the applicant demonstrates a positive antibody test for measles and rubella.
	Varicella	1 dose if the applicant was born on or after September 15, 1997, unless the applicant has had a reliable history of natural disease. This dose shall have been received after the applicant was at least 12 months of age.

¹ Pediatric diphtheria and tetanus vaccine may be substituted for the pertussis-containing vaccine, without a medical exemption, when pertussis vaccine is contraindicated for the child < 7 years of age.

² Mumps vaccine may be included in measles/rubella-containing vaccine.

Requirements for Children in Elementary School or Secondary School (641 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4)

By the first day of attendance in school, an individual shall have the following vaccines:

4 years of age and older	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis ^{1,3}	3 doses, with at least 1 dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis containing vaccine received after the applicant's fourth birthday if the applicant was born on or before September 15, 2000. 4 doses, with at least 1 dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis containing vaccine received after the applicant's fourth birthday if the applicant was born after September 15, 2000. Applicant's ≥ 7 years of age are exempt from receiving further doses of pertussis vaccine; therefore, tetanus and diphtheria containing vaccine should be used.
	Polio	3 doses, with at least 1 dose on or after the applicant's fourth birthday.
	Measles/Rubella ²	2 doses of measles/rubella-containing vaccine; or the applicant demonstrates a positive antibody test for measles and rubella. The first dose shall have been received on or after the applicant's first birthday; the second dose shall have been received no less than 28 days after the first dose.
	Hepatitis B	3 doses if the applicant was born on or after July 1, 1994.
	Varicella	1 dose if the applicant was born on or after September 15, 1997, unless the applicant has had a reliable history of natural disease. This dose shall have been received after the applicant was at least 12 months of age.

¹ Pediatric diphtheria and tetanus vaccine may be substituted for the pertussis-containing vaccine, without a medical exemption, when pertussis vaccine is contraindicated for the child < 7 years of age.
² Mumps vaccine may be included in measles/rubella-containing vaccine.
³ If a child received the first dose of tetanus/diphtheria-containing product when the child was < 12 months of age, 4 doses are required, with 1 dose on or after the child's fourth birthday. If a child received the first dose of tetanus/diphtheria-containing product when the child was ≥ 12 months of age, 3 doses are required, with 1 dose on or after the child's fourth birthday.

Please note there are separate requirements for children attending licensed child care centers or schools. Some ages may overlap when children are attending a licensed child care center or school. To determine vaccine requirements for a child:

1. Identify if the child is attending licensed child care or school
2. Locate corresponding table
3. Select the age of the child
4. Verify the required vaccine and doses in the right hand columns

Clarification for commonly asked questions:

- A 5-year-old who attends a child care center would follow requirements for licensed child care not school
- Preschools that are located in a school building are considered a licensed child care program
- Elementary school requirements begin at kindergarten any programs that are pre-kindergarten should follow the licensed child care requirements

ACIP General Recommendations on Immunizations

ACIP recommendations regarding vaccine administration, minimum age, and vaccine intervals should be followed as outlined in CDC, MMWR, February 8, 2002/Vol. 51/No. RR-2. This document can be found at the following URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5102.pdf>. Child care facilities should follow these recommendations effective January 1, 2006. At the beginning of the 2006-07 school year, schools shall follow these recommendations for individuals attending kindergarten.

Four Day Grace Period

Vaccine doses administered ≤ 4 days before the minimum interval or age shall be counted as valid. Doses administered ≥ 5 days earlier than the minimum interval or age shall not be counted as valid doses and shall be repeated as age-appropriate. (641 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4(2); CDC, MMWR, February 8, 2002/Vol. 51/No. RR-2)

The four day grace period applies to all vaccines listed on the immunization schedule. However, providers should strive to administer vaccines in accordance with required interval and age requirements and should not rely upon the 4 day grace period when routinely scheduling and administering vaccines.

School and Child Care Requirements by Vaccine

Requirements for individuals attending school or a licensed child care center may be found in the Required Immunization Chart on pages 3 and 4.

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis

Pediatric diphtheria and tetanus vaccine may be substituted for the pertussis-containing vaccine when pertussis vaccine is contraindicated for the child < 7 years of age. A medical exemption is not necessary in this situation.

For children attending school, one dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis vaccine shall be received on or after 4 years of age.

ACIP recommends the number of doses for a tetanus containing series is determined by when the child receives the first dose.

- If a child received the first dose of tetanus/diphtheria-containing product when the child was < 12 months of age, 4 doses are required, with 1 dose on or after the child's fourth birthday

- If a child received the first dose of tetanus/diphtheria-containing product when the child was ≥ 12 months of age, 3 doses are required, with 1 dose on or after the child's fourth birthday

There is no school requirement for Tdap. The ACIP recommendations for Tdap vaccine should be followed. This can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/tdap/default.htm>.

The following chart indicates the number of doses of DTaP required by grade and school year for children attending elementary or secondary school. The number of doses of DTaP is determined by the individual's date of birth which, for the purpose of this table, has been translated to school year and grade.

This table is meant to provide a quick reference for the number of doses of DTaP vaccine required for children in school but does not apply to all situations. The final determination for the number of doses required should be the child's date of birth.

Number of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis Doses Required by Grade & School Year													
School Year													
Grade	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
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3 rd													
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6 th													
7 th													
8 th													
9 th													
10 th													
11 th													
12 th													

4 doses of
Diphtheris/Tetanus/
Pertussis Required

3 doses of
Diphtheris/Tetanus/
Pertussis Required

Polio

For children attending school, one of the three doses of polio vaccine shall be received on or after 4 years of age.

Oral polio or inactivated polio vaccine is acceptable to meet immunization requirements. Oral polio vaccine is no longer available in the United States but is still given in other countries.

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)

Hib is only required for individuals in licensed child care centers. Hib vaccine is not a requirement for school enrollment. In general, children greater than 5 years of age do not need further doses of Hib vaccine.

Measles/Rubella

Measles and rubella vaccine is required for children attending school or licensed child care center; or the individual must demonstrate a positive antibody test for measles and rubella. A medical clinician, parent, or individual stating that the individual has had disease is not sufficient to prove immunity for measles and rubella.

If two live virus vaccines (e.g., MMR, varicella) were not given during the same visit, a 28 day interval is needed before the next dose of a live virus vaccine can be given.

The first dose of measles and rubella vaccine shall be received on or after 12 months of age. The second dose can be received 28 days later.

Mumps vaccine is not required by law but may be included in measles and rubella containing vaccine.

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B vaccine is not required for children in licensed child care centers.

The following chart indicates the school year and grade level that hepatitis B vaccine is required for children attending school. The requirement is determined by the individual's date of birth (born on or after July 1, 1994) which has been converted to school year and grade.

This table is meant to provide a quick reference for hepatitis vaccine requirements for children in school but does not apply to all situations. The final determination for the number of doses required should be the child's date of birth.

Hepatitis B School Requirement by Grade & School Year													
Grade	School Year												
	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
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2 nd													
3 rd													
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5 th													
6 th													
7 th													
8 th													
9 th													
10 th													
11 th													
12 th													

Hepatitis B
Vaccine
Required

Varicella

Requirements for persons attending school or licensed child care center may be found in the Requirement Immunization Chart on pages 3 and 4.

Varicella vaccine is required for children born on or after September 15, 1997, who are attending school or licensed child care center unless the individual has a reliable history of disease. Parental recollection of varicella disease (chicken pox) is acceptable. Medical documentation is not necessary to prove immunity.

Varicella vaccine shall be received on or after 12 months of age. If two live virus vaccines (e.g., MMR, varicella) were not given during the same visit, a 28 day interval is needed before the next live virus vaccine can be given.

The following chart indicates the school year and grade level for which varicella vaccine is required for children attending school. The requirement is determined by the individual's date of birth (born on or after September 15, 1997) which has been converted to school year and grade.

This table is meant to provide a quick reference for varicella vaccine requirements for children in school but does not apply to all situations. The final determination for the number of doses required should be the child's date of birth.

Varicella School Requirement by Grade & School Year													
Grade	School Year												
	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
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3 rd													
4 th													
5 th													
6 th													
7 th													
8 th													
9 th													
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12 th													

Varicella
Vaccine
Required

Required Documentation for Enrollment into Licensed Child Care Centers or Schools

Proof of Immunization / Certificate of Immunization

To enroll in a licensed child care center or school, the applicant must have a valid Iowa:

- Certificate of Immunization
- Certificate of Immunization Exemption
- Provisional Certificate of Immunization

A Certificate of Immunization must be one of the following:

- Certificate of Immunization issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- Certificate of Immunization generated from the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS)
- Certificate of Immunization which has been approved in writing by IDPH. Approval process includes:
 - Submit written request and certificate to IDPH Immunization Program for approval
 - The certificate must:
 - Look identical to the IDPH certificate
 - Contain the same recommendations
 - Be updated upon IDPH revisions (IDPH will notify agencies with approved certificate regarding revisions)
 - Agencies will have 60 days to complete revisions and submit updated certificate to IDPH
 - A letter will be issued upon approval from IDPH Immunization Program
 - A list of agencies with approved certificates will be maintained on the Immunization Program web page

The Certificate of Immunization must be updated and provided to a licensed child care center each time an individual receives vaccines.

The Certificate of Immunization is valid when the following information is complete:

- Last name
- First name
- Date of birth
- Vaccine administered
- Date vaccines were given
- Signature of one of the following:
 - Physician
 - Physician assistant
 - Nurse
 - Certified medical assistant when directed to sign by a supervising physician or physician assistant

A signature may include an:

- Original signature
- Authorized use of a stamped signature, or
- Electronic signature of physician, physician assistant, nurse, or certified medical assistant

The signature and date on the Certificate of Immunization certifies the applicant has a record of age-appropriate immunizations that meet the requirements for licensed child care or school enrollment at that time.

The judgment of the adequacy of the applicant's immunization history should be based on:

- Records kept by the person signing the Certificate of Immunization
- Personal knowledge of the applicant's immunization history
- Comparable immunization records from another person or agency
- An international certificate of vaccination, or
- The applicant's personal health records (if personal health records are used to make the judgment, the records shall provide the vaccine administered and the date given)

Persons signing the Certificate of Immunization are not held responsible for the accuracy of the information used to complete the Certificate of Immunization when the information is from sources other than their own records or personal knowledge.

A faxed copy, photo copy, or electronic copy of the Certificate of Immunization is acceptable.

The Certificate of Immunization contains a column for doctor/clinic/source but this information is not required to be valid although it is recommended that this information is included.

The Certificate of Immunization includes space to document additional vaccines other than those required.

The Certificate of Immunization can be found on the IDPH/Immunization Program web page at www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/common/pdf/immunization/imm_certificate.pdf, or by calling the Health Protection Clearinghouse at 1-888-398-9696.

Certificate of Immunization Exemptions / Persons excluded

Exclusions to immunizations for school and child care requirements are permitted for medical and religious reasons. The Certificate of Immunization Exemption contains both a medical and religious section; it is only necessary to complete the section in which the individual is seeking the exemption. The Certificate of Immunization Exemption shall be given to the admitting official of the school or child care center in order to attend.

The Certificate of Immunization Exemption can be found on the IDPH/Immunization Program web page at www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/common/pdf/immunization/cert_of_immunization.pdf, or by calling the Health Protection Clearinghouse at 1-888-398-9696.

Medical Exemption

A medical exemption may be granted when, in the opinion of a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, the required immunizations would be injurious to the health and well-being of the applicant or any member of the applicant's family or household.

- A medical exemption may apply to a single vaccine, multiple vaccines, or all required immunizations
- A Certificate of Immunization Exemption for medical reasons is valid only when signed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant
- An expiration date shall be recorded on the Certificate of Immunization Exemption if, in the opinion of the physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant issuing the medical exemption, the exemption should be terminated or reviewed at a future date
- If an expiration date is not recorded, the exemption is valid for the duration the individual is enrolled in the school or licensed child care center
- The use of a medical exemption is inappropriate for:
 - A dose of vaccine that is given ≥ 5 days earlier than the minimum interval or age
 - When a parent/guardian does not want a child vaccinated due to personal beliefs
- It is not necessary for the admitting official to verify the reason a certificate of Immunization Exemption has been issued
- By signing the medical exemption, the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner will be held accountable for the information contained on the Certificate of Immunization Exemption

Religious Exemption

A religious exemption may be granted to an applicant if immunizations conflict with a genuine and sincere religious belief, and not based merely on philosophical, scientific, moral, personal, or medical opposition to immunizations.

- A Certificate of Immunization Exemption for religious reasons shall be signed by the applicant or, if the applicant is a minor, by the parent, guardian, or legally authorized representative
- The Certificate of Immunization Exemption for religious reasons is valid only when notarized
- Religious exemptions shall become null and void during times of emergency as determined by the state board of health and declared by the Director of Public Health

Certificate of Provisional Enrollment

To qualify for provisional enrollment, individuals shall receive at least one dose of each of the required vaccines or be a transfer student from one U.S. school to another.

Individuals shall submit a valid Iowa Department of Public Health, Provisional Certificate of Immunization to the school or licensed child care center in which they wish to be provisionally enrolled.

For the Provisional Certificate of Immunization to be valid, it shall be signed by a:

- Physician
- Physician assistant
- Nurse, or
- Certified medical assistant directed to sign by a supervising physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner

The person signing the provisional certificate shall assign an expiration date to the certificate, not to exceed 60 days, and indicate the required immunizations remaining.

Persons validating the Provisional Certificate of Immunization are not held responsible for the accuracy of the information used to validate the Provisional Certificate of Immunization if the information is from sources other than their own records or personal knowledge.

Duration of Provisional Enrollment

The amount of time allowed for provisional enrollment shall be as soon as medically feasible, not to exceed 60 calendar days. The period of provisional enrollment shall begin on the date the Provisional Certificate of Immunization is signed.

The provisional enrollment period of 60 days is the maximum time allowed to receive the next dose of any required vaccines. A new Provisional Certificate of Immunization must be completed if additional doses in the series are required.

A new Provisional Certificate of Immunization shall not be issued if a person fails to receive a required dose of vaccine during the allotted 60 days. The individual shall be excluded

from the school or child care center. If the individual receives the dose of vaccine indicated for the provisional enrollment, the child may be allowed back in school or child care. If additional doses of vaccine are necessary, a Provisional Certificate of Immunization may be completed in order to receive the next required dose of vaccine.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that the individual receives the necessary immunizations during the provisional enrollment period and to submit a Certificate of Immunization to the admitting official by the end of the provisional enrollment period (60 days).

If the individual has not submitted a Certificate of Immunization 10 calendar days prior to the expiration date of the provisional enrollment, the admitting official shall notify the parent or guardian, in writing, of the upcoming expiration of provisional enrollment and invite the parent or guardian for a conference to discuss the rules regarding provisional enrollment.

Extension of Provisional

It is a rare situation that minimum intervals between doses of vaccine will exceed 60 days and require an extension of the provisional enrollment period. If at the end of the provisional enrollment period the individual has not completed the required immunizations due to minimum interval requirements, the provisional enrollment may be extended with another Iowa Department of Public Health Provisional Certificate of Immunization. The expiration date of the extended provisional enrollment should be as soon as medically feasible, not to exceed 60 calendar days. A new Provisional Certificate of Immunization must be completed every 60 days until the vaccine can be given according to minimum interval requirements. Copies of the previous and current Provisional Certificate of Immunization should be maintained together until a valid Certificate of Immunization is completed.

The Provisional Certificate of Immunization can be found on the IDPH/Immunization Program web page at www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/common/pdf/immunization/provisional_cert.pdf, or by calling the Health Protection Clearinghouse at 1-888-398-9696.

Records and Reporting

The admitting official of a school or licensed child care center shall ensure each individual enrolled has a valid Iowa Department of Public Health:

- Certificate of Immunization
- Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or
- Provisional Certificate of Immunization

The admitting official shall keep the certificates on file in the school or licensed child care center in which the individual is enrolled and assist in the transfer of the certificate to another school as necessary.

The admitting official shall:

- Retain the certificates for three years commencing upon graduation of the individual

- Transfer certificates to another school or child care center, or
- Provide the permanent immunization record to the student at time of graduation. Included with the immunization record a letter should state that this is an important document that will be needed by the student for college or employment and should be permanently retained

Audits

It shall be the duty of the local boards of health to audit the Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, and Provisional Certificate of Immunization in the schools within their jurisdiction to determine compliance with Iowa Code section 139A.8. The local boards of health shall furnish the Iowa Department of Public Health with a report of the audit within 60 days of the first official day of school a report of the audit. The report shall be submitted for each school within the local board of health's jurisdiction and shall include the enrollment by grade, and the number of Certificates of Immunization, Certificates of Immunization Exemption, and Provisional Certificates of Immunization.

The local board of health and IDPH have the right to access the Certificates of Immunization, Certificates of Immunization Exemption, and the Provisional Certificates of Immunization of children enrolled in elementary and secondary schools and licensed child care centers within the constraints of the privacy rights of parents and students.

Providing immunization services

It shall be the duty of the local boards of health to provide immunization services where no local provision exists for the services.

Compliance

Individuals not presenting proper evidence of immunization, or exemption, are not entitled to enroll in a licensed child care center or school under the provisions of Iowa Code section 139A.8. It shall be the duty of the admitting official of the school or licensed child care center to deny enrollment to any individual who does not submit proper evidence of immunization according to rule 7.6(139A) and to exclude a provisionally enrolled individual in accordance with rule 7.7(139A).

College Requirements

Meningococcal Education

Each college or university that has an on-campus residence hall or dormitory shall provide vaccination information on meningococcal disease to each postsecondary student enrolled in the institution. Meningococcal disease information shall be contained on student health forms. If a traditional student health form is not utilized by the institution of higher education, any document containing the following information is acceptable.

- Meningococcal disease and vaccination information
- Recommendations issued by CDC regarding meningococcal disease
- Space to indicate whether or not the student has received meningococcal vaccine, including date of vaccination
- Space to document that they received the meningococcal information

Data Collection

Each college or university that has an on-campus residence hall or dormitory is required to provide aggregate data by December 1 of each year. The data shall include the total number of incoming freshmen students living in a residence hall or dormitory who have:

- Enrolled in the institution of higher education
- Received information on meningococcal disease
- Were immunized with meningococcal vaccine

Additional data that the department requests but does not require includes:

- Total student body registered for fall enrollment
- Total number of students who received meningococcal education
- Total number of students indicating they have been vaccinated

Immunization Requirements

The state of Iowa does not have immunization requirements for individuals attending colleges and universities. Each institution is responsible for establishing immunization requirements.

Iowa's Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS)

The IDPH shall maintain a statewide immunization registry. Enrolled users are responsible for purchasing and maintaining all computer hardware related to use of the registry and for providing an Internet connection to transfer information between the user's computer and the registry.

Purpose and permitted uses of IRIS

The registry shall consist of immunization information, including identifying and demographic data, to allow enrolled users to maintain and access a database of immunization histories for purposes of ensuring that patients are fully immunized. Enrolled users shall not use information obtained from the registry to market services to patients or non-patients, to assist in bill collection services, or to locate or identify patients or non-patients for any purpose other than those expressly provided in this rule.

Release of information to the registry

Enrolled users shall provide immunization information including identifying and demographic data to the registry. Information provided may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Name of patient
- Gender of patient
- Date of birth
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Birth state and birth country
- Address
- Parents' names
- Mother's maiden name
- Type of vaccination administered
- Dose or series number of vaccine
- Date vaccination was administered
- Lot number
- Contraindications, precautions
- Provider name, license, and business address; and
- Patient history, including previously unreported doses

Confidentiality of IRIS information

Immunization information, including identifying and demographic data maintained on the registry, is confidential and may not be disclosed except under the following limited circumstances, to:

- The person immunized or the parent or legal guardian of the person immunized
- Enrolled users of the registry who have completed an enrollment form that specifies the conditions under which the registry can be accessed and who have been issued an identification code and password by the IDPH
- Persons or entities requesting immunization data in an aggregate form that does not identify an individual either directly or indirectly
- Agencies that complete an agreement with the department which specifies conditions for access to registry data and how that data will be used. Agencies shall not use information obtained from the registry to market services to patients or non-patients, to assist in bill collection services, or to locate or identify patients or non-patients for any purposes other than those expressly provided in this rule
- A representative of a state or federal agency, or entity bound by that state or federal agency, to the extent that the information is necessary to perform a legally authorized function of that agency or the department. The state or federal agency is subject to confidentiality regulations that are the same as or more stringent than those in the state of Iowa. State or federal agencies shall not use information obtained from the registry to market services to patients or non-patients to assist in bill collection services, or to locate or identify patients or non-patients for any purposes other than those expressly provided in this rule

IRIS Enrolled Users

Enrolled users shall not release immunization data obtained from the registry except to the person immunized, the parent or legal guardian of the person immunized, health records staff of schools and licensed child care centers, medical or health care providers providing continuity of care, and other enrolled users of the registry.

Release of immunization information

Immunization records shall be shared between a medical clinician and:

- Another medical clinician
- A school that the individual attends
- A licensed child care center that the individual attends

Written or verbal permission from the parent or guardian is not required to release this information.

Immunization information that shall be disclosed includes:

- Individual's name
- Date of birth
- Demographic information
- Month, day, year vaccine administered
- Vaccine administered, and
- Clinic source and location

For further questions, contact the IDPH, Immunization Program at 1-800-831-6293.