

## You have choices...

Participation in the immunization registry is your decision. If you choose not to participate in the registry, please tell your doctor now so that your or your child's immunization records will not be shared on the registry with any other health care providers.

## You have the right to:

- Participate in the registry.
- Review your or your child's immunization record, ask questions, and correct errors.
- Receive, upon request, the names & addresses of those health care providers and any authorized person identified above with whom immunization information has been shared.
- Choose not to receive reminder notices.
- Choose not to participate in the registry or to stop participating at any time.

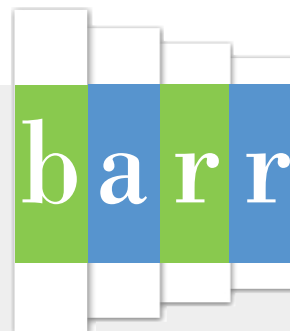
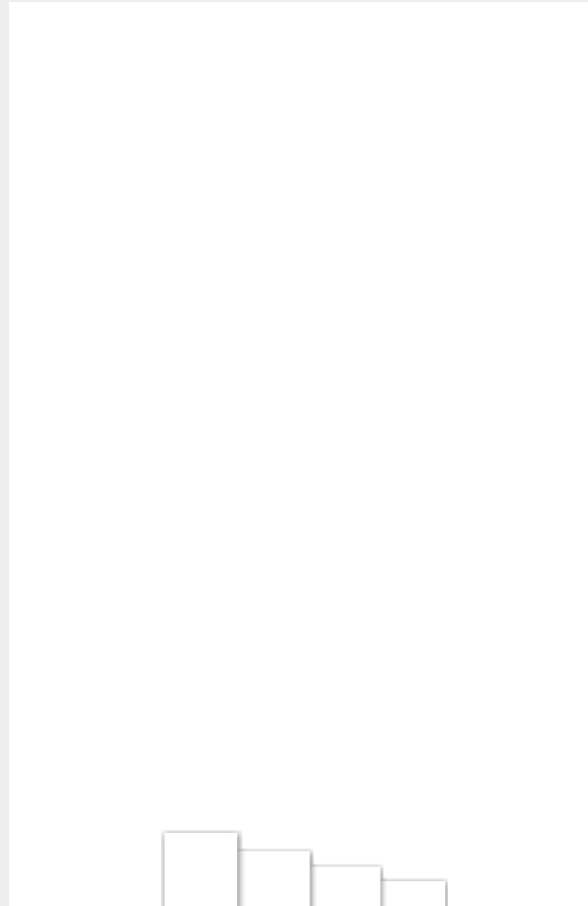
If you have any questions, please ask! Your doctor is participating in the registry because of its many benefits for his/her patients, practice, and all of the community. You or your child will be included in the registry *unless* you do not want to participate.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Who is in charge of the immunization registry?

Include your county information here.



Bay Area Regional  
Immunization Registry



# Keeping Track of Your Shots

*What You Should Know*



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# What Is An Immunization Registry?

*The Bay Area Regional Immunization Registry (BARR) is a system for keeping track of your or your child's shots.*

## The registry has two important purposes:

- To make your or your child's immunization record available to health care providers.
- To remind you when immunizations are due or overdue.

## Why are immunizations important?

Immunizations will protect you or your child from getting diseases that can be prevented. We want everyone to be healthy.

## How can an immunization registry help?

BARR will make it easy for your doctor or clinic to know which immunizations you or your child has received, even if shots were given by a different health care provider.

## Participating in the registry means:

1. You don't have to get copies of immunization records from previous doctors or clinics when you or your child sees a new health care provider.
  - It will be easier to get your child's current immunization record when you need it for child care, school or camp.
  - Your doctor will be able to remind you when your or your child's immunizations are due or overdue.



## What information is necessary in the immunization registry?

To recognize each individual in the registry, the following information is needed:

- Identifying information such as: name, date of birth, address, phone number and parent/guardian when necessary.
- Your or your child's immunization history, which includes all the immunizations you or your child has received and if there has ever been a serious reaction to a vaccine.

## Who can use the information in the immunization registry?

There are only two groups of people who can see all of the information in the registry.

1. Doctor's and other authorized health care providers.
2. Authorized representatives from the Public Health Department may use the information to remind you that shots are due and to monitor vaccine safety.

## Who can use limited information in the immunization registry?

Information in the registry may also be shared with your child's school, childcare center, Cal-Works, WIC supplemental food clinic, or health care plan, and other persons or entities when disclosure is specifically authorized by law, if they ask for it. These places can use the information only for the reasons listed below:

- *for schools and child care centers*, to help you prove your child has had the vaccines required for admission,
- *for WIC clinics & Cal-Works*, to let you know if your child needs immunizations, and
- *for health care plans*, to help process insurance payments.

**By law, the information cannot be shared with any other person or agency.** All authorized representatives of these groups who can access registry information are required by law to keep it confidential and only use it for the reasons listed above.

**Numerous safeguards have been built into the registry to protect patient privacy.**