

# Protect Your Yellow Card

Have it entered into the California Immunization Registry (CAIR)  
**It's free and easy!**

## What is CAIR?

The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is a secure and confidential computer system used by doctors and other health care providers to keep track of their patients' immunization (shot) records. If you change doctors, your new doctor can use CAIR to look up a shot record and add new information. CAIR is even used by many schools, or other agencies like WIC to make sure your child's (or your own) shot records are ready whenever you need them. CAIR helps make sure that you/your child gets all needed shots at the right time.

## How can CAIR help you?

CAIR helps your doctor keep your family healthy. But CAIR can also save you time and money. Lost your/your child's "yellow card" record? You can get a new one from any participating doctor's office—or from our CAIR office—for free.

## To have a record added into CAIR, follow these steps, 1, 2, 3, 4...

1. Read the "disclosure form"
2. Fill out the form below and tear it off
3. Make a copy of your (or your child's) immunization "yellow card"
4. Fax, mail, or email this **form and a copy of the Yellow Card** to:

CAIR  
 Ventura County Public Health, Immunization Programs  
 2240 E. Gonzales Rd., Suite 250  
 Oxnard, CA, 93036

Fax: 805-981-5210

Email: [Immunization.Program@ventura.org](mailto:Immunization.Program@ventura.org)

If your yellow card is ever lost, contact the CAIR office at 805-981-5211 to get a new one.

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Registration Form (1 form per person)

1. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sex (Circle one): Male Female

4. Mother's First Name (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Phone number (We may need to call you) \_\_\_\_\_

7. I have read the "disclosure form" & wish to have my/my child's immunization record in CAIR

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STAFF ONLY: Entered by: Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## Immunization Registry Notice to Patients and Parents

Immunizations or ‘shots’ prevent serious diseases. Keeping track of shots you have received can be hard. It’s especially hard if more than one doctor gave them. Today, doctors use a secure computer system called an *immunization registry* to keep track of shots. If you change doctors, your new doctor can use the registry to see the shot record. It’s your right to choose if you want shot records shared in the *California Immunization Registry*.

### How Does a Registry Help You?

- Keeps track of all shots, so you don’t miss any or get too many
- Sends reminders when you or your child need shots
- Gives you a copy of the shot record from the doctor
- Can show proof about shots needed to start child care, school, or a new job

### How Does a Registry Help Your Health Care Team?

Doctors, nurses, health plans, and public health agencies use the registry to:

- See which shots are needed
- Remind you about shots needed
- Prevent disease in your community
- Help with record-keeping

### Can Schools or Other Programs See the Registry?

Yes, but this is limited. Schools, child care, and other agencies allowed under California law may:

- See which shots children in their programs need
- Make sure children have all shots needed to start child care or school

### What Information Can Be Shared in a Registry?

- patient’s name, sex, and birth place
- parents’ or guardians’ names
- limited information to identify patients
- details about a patient’s shots

What’s entered in the registry is treated like other private medical information. Misuse of the registry can be punished by law. Under California law, only your doctor’s office, health plan, or public health department may see your address and phone number.

### Patient and Parent Rights

It’s your legal right to ask:

- not to share your (or your child’s) registry shot records with others besides your doctor\*
- not to get shot appointment reminders from your doctor’s office
- to look at a copy of your or your child’s shot records
- who has seen the records or to have the doctor change any mistakes

If you DO want your or your child’s records in the registry, do nothing. You’re all done.

If you DO NOT want your doctor’s office to share your immunization information in the registry: Please request an “Immunization Registry Refusal Form” from \_\_\_\_\_.

For more information about your rights, call

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\* By law, public health officials can also look at the registry in the case of a public health emergency.