



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
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## Fact Sheet

### The Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) and H1N1 Vaccine

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#### What is the CIR?

The Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) is a centralized repository of immunization records for people vaccinated in New York City (NYC). These records are available to authorized individuals, families, health care providers, health plans, and schools. CIR information is kept confidential and is disclosed solely for public health purposes. The CIR's mission is to help ensure that NYC residents receive all recommended immunizations to protect them from vaccine-preventable diseases. The CIR contains nearly 3.7 million records and 42 million immunizations.

#### How long has the CIR been in existence?

The CIR was first mandated in 1997. Currently, both the NYC Health Code and New York State Public Health Law §2168 require reporting to the CIR all immunizations administered in NYC to people younger than 19 years of age, and allow for reporting of immunizations administered to people 19 years and older with the patient's written consent documented in the patient's medical record.

#### Will I need to enroll in the CIR to receive H1N1 vaccine?

Yes. Providers who will be receiving H1N1 vaccine from the Bureau of Immunization are required to register with the CIR.

#### Will I need to report H1N1 immunizations to the CIR?

Yes. All providers who administer H1N1 vaccines will be required to report these doses to the CIR. **If an emergency is declared, consent may not be required for reporting H1N1 immunizations administered to persons 19 years of age and older.**

#### How do I report immunizations?

H1N1 immunizations can be reported using the Online Registry or by batch file transfer from a clinical or billing system. Call 212-676-2323 for more information and to register with the CIR. Please note that all reporting must be through one of these electronic methods.