

Resources

For more information on immunization information systems please visit these websites:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis

American Immunization Registry Association:

www.immregistries.org

All Kids Count:

www.allkidscount.org

SAMHD Immunizations:

www.sanantonio.gov/health/immunizations



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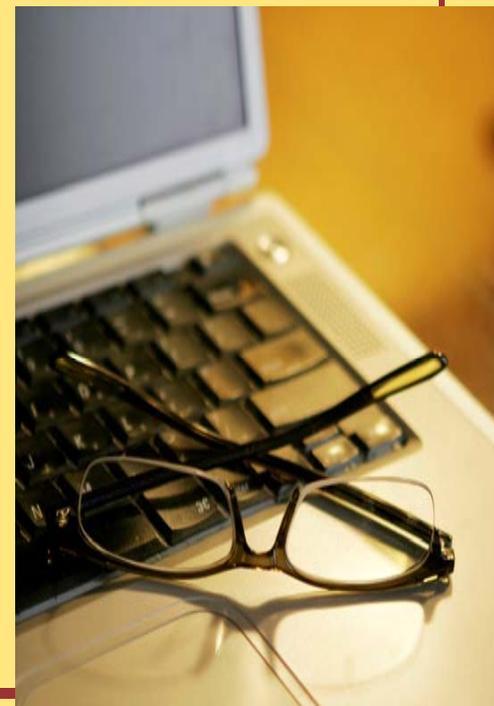
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San Antonio Immunization Registry (SAIRS)

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SAIRS is an immunization information system (IIS) operated by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. An IIS is a confidential, computer-based system used to collect immunization data about children in a specific area. SAIRS and other immunization information systems are necessary tools for immunization providers. In order to reach the Healthy People 2010 goal of a 90% immunization rate providers need to consistently use an IIS. Private providers and local health departments are not the only groups that can access an IIS. Schools, health plans, managed care organizations and daycares have the ability to obtain immunization data from an IIS. SAIRS is no exception.



Texas Law (HB1921) requires a provider to maintain certain documentation when immunizing a child and report vaccination data to the state registry, ImmTrac. Participating in SAIRS makes this process easy. The information that is put into SAIRS is regularly sent to ImmTrac.

Many parents and providers are concerned about the confidentiality of records in SAIRS. Only immunization providers and those with an interest in a child's vaccination history (schools, health plans, etc) may access the registry after signing a confidentiality agreement. Participation in SAIRS will reduce the amount of paperwork and time your staff dedicates to immunization record keeping. Providers can use SAIRS to easily identify children who are not up-to-date on their immunizations. SAIRS is automatically updated in response to changes in the immunization schedule and newly licensed vaccines.

To obtain information on the technical requirements for participation in SAIRS or to request a registration packet please see the back panel of this brochure for the SAMHD-SAIRS contact.



SAIRS Benefits

- Identifying high-risk and under immunized populations
- Reducing paperwork and time spent updating records from multiple providers
- Providing information on community and state-wide coverage rates
- Promoting reminder/recalls systems for children whose immunizations are due or overdue
- Tracking information on new vaccines and changes in the vaccine schedule
- Integrating immunization services among healthcare providers