



## SAIRS Notice to Patients and Parents

The San Antonio Immunization Registry System (SAIRS) is a confidential online computer system that helps track immunizations throughout your life span. Your or your child's immunization information automatically becomes a part of the confidential SAIRS system unless you choose to exclude that information by completing a *Request to Opt Out* form as discussed below.

### Benefits of having your or your child's information in SAIRS:

- Collects and tracks all immunizations in one system, so you don't miss any or get too many.
- Can send reminders when you or your child need a vaccine(s) and can notify you of special programs for which you or your child may qualify.
- Provides a consolidated immunization record to use as proof to start child care, school, or a new job.
- Helps your health-care provider see what immunizations are needed.
- Helps public health programs in their efforts to prevent disease outbreaks.

### What information can be kept in SAIRS?

Note: Registry information will be treated as confidential according to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulations and State law requirements.

- Patient's full name
- Date of birth
- Mailing and physical address
- Phone number(s)
- Other demographic information you provide
- Details about the patient's immunizations and TB skin tests
- References to the Texas immunization registry, ImmTrac, (if applicable) and birth record

### Only authorized users may have access to SAIRS. These include (but are not limited to):

- Clinics
- Hospitals
- Child-care facilities
- State and local health agencies
- Physicians' offices
- Schools

### How can patient information be used?

- To determine if immunizations are up-to-date
- To consolidate a patient's immunization records
- To avoid under- or over-immunization
- To determine immunization rates
- To bill insurance companies
- To notify you of upcoming immunizations
- To notify you of special programs
- To contact you in the event of an emergency
- For quality assurance and improvement

For more details, please consult the *San Antonio Immunization Registry System (SAIRS) Security and Confidentiality Policy* (available at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/health/Immunizations-SAIRS.html>).

### You have the right to:

- Inspect and obtain a copy of your or your child's record (fees apply to copies).
- Have errors corrected in the registry.
- Withdraw your or your child's information from the registry by completing a *Request to Opt Out of SAIRS* form (available at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/health/Immunizations-SAIRS.html>).

For more information, please contact (210) 207-5071.