

## **Important Information for Children Immunizations**

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“Pediatric practices have implemented many strategies to make acute and routine care of children as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Dr. Maria Brown, President of the Maryland chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

“Pediatricians and pediatric healthcare providers want to ensure that children are up-to-date on essential immunizations to avoid outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles and whooping cough.”

In Maryland, parents can view their children’s official vaccination records online via [MD.MyIR.net](https://www.mdmyir.net), a free and secure online portal where users can access official copies of their records and those of their family members. These records are accepted by schools, camps, daycare facilities, state agencies and other organizations that require proof of immunization.

Using a simple, one-time registration process, users can create an account via [MD.MyIR.net](https://www.mdmyir.net), with the option to add family members. The portal is linked to ImmuNet, where health care providers upload and store vaccination records. The system is HIPPA-compliant and records are only available to authorized users.

"Parents are encouraged to check MyIR to confirm the status of their children’s vaccination schedule," said MDH Deputy Secretary for Public Health Fran Phillips. “They should then work with their children’s health care providers to schedule appointments, attend well-child visits and make sure they get back on track with any overdue vaccinations as soon as possible.”

In addition to health care providers, some local health departments plan to resume immunization clinics this summer. Consult the local health departments for additional information. For more information about MyIR and ImmuNet, visit [MD.MyIR.net](https://www.mdmyir.net).