Parents and Adults Frequently Asked Questions Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS)

What is IRIS?

IRIS, Iowa's Immunization Registry Information System, is a computerized statewide immunization information system (IIS) or registry. IRIS maintains immunization information from participating health care providers and combines it into one immunization record. This helps health care providers, parents, and individuals keep track of their immunization status, even if they have received vaccines from more than one provider.

Who has records in IRIS?

IRIS contains immunization information for patients of all ages. Since 2001, participating health care provider have had the ability to update patient records in IRIS. IRIS is used by more than 1,700 health care provider organizations and includes more than 2.6 million patient records.

Who has access to information in IRIS?

By law, only authorized users are allowed to access immunization information in IRIS. Authorized users include participating health care providers, local public health agencies, hospitals, pharmacies, and schools.

Adults, parents, and guardians can also access their own immunization records or their children's records by calling the IRIS Help Desk at 800-374-3958 or using the [Public Immunization Record Access](#). This feature allows an individual to enter the first name, last name, date of birth, and either Social Security Number or Medicaid ID of the person whose record is needed. The system looks for a record that matches exactly all the information entered. It will display a list of vaccines the person has received and the vaccines the person currently needs.

How does IRIS protect health information?

All IRIS data is kept confidential and secure. All requestors must verify their organization and individual identity before access is granted to the application. All actions in IRIS are stored and monitored by the state Immunization Program.

More questions?

Call the IRIS Help Desk at 800-374-3958, browse the IRIS [website](#), or visit the [IRIS login](#) website.