



Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR): Your Questions Answered

1. **What is the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR)?** KYIR, the Kentucky Immunization Registry, is a secure, web-based information system that stores immunization records for individuals of all ages in Kentucky.
2. **How does KYIR acquire vaccination information?** Healthcare providers contribute vaccination data into the registry either manually into the KYIR user interface or through electronic health record (EHR) connections to KYIR through the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE).
3. **Who can access KYIR?** Approved KYIR users can access and manage patient immunization records while upholding HIPAA policies. KYIR also allows EHRs with electronic connections to query for patient immunization information, which imports immunization data from KYIR into the EHR. Authorized healthcare providers include primary care clinics, pediatric clinics, pharmacies, schools, daycares, hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare entities.
4. **Is my patient's information safe in KYIR?** Yes, KYIR prioritizes data security and confidentiality. Strict privacy measures are in place to protect personal health information and ensure authorized access for legitimate healthcare purposes only.
5. **Does it cost anything to join KYIR?** Enrollment and use of KYIR are free of charge. The Kentucky Immunization Branch aims to ensure that all healthcare providers have access to KYIR without financial barriers to improve immunization management and public health efforts.
6. **How does KYIR benefit me as a healthcare provider?** KYIR streamlines immunization management, provides easy access to up-to-date patient records, and can generate reminder and recall reports.
7. **How does KYIR support public health efforts?** KYIR provides real-time data to estimate immunization rates while aiding public health officials in implementing targeted vaccination campaigns to protect the community during outbreaks.
8. **How do I join/enroll KYIR?** Enrollment paperwork can be found at <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/idb/Pages/kyir.aspx>. Contact KYIRhelpdesk@ky.gov if you have any questions.
9. **Do I have to be part of a state vaccination program?** No, you may just enroll in KYIR and have access to patient immunizations. This will also allow you to record new vaccinations and print immunization certificates.
10. **Do I have to report inventory?** If you are NOT enrolled in a state vaccination program, you do NOT have to report inventory.

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11. **How do I log in?** After you are enrolled and have received your username and password, visit the KYIR website at https://kyir.chfs.ky.gov/webiznet_kyir/Login.aspx in a Chrome or Firefox browser.
12. **Are there training materials available in KYIR?** Yes, KYIR offers comprehensive training materials to support healthcare providers in effectively using the system. You can find instructional resources at <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/idb/Pages/kyirtrain.aspx>.
13. **Can I use KYIR to print immunization certificates for school or daycare enrollment?** Yes, KYIR enables healthcare providers to print immunization certificates for school enrollment directly from the system.
14. **Can schools and daycares use KYIR for verifying student vaccination status?** Yes, KYIR helps schools and childcare centers quickly verify student vaccination status while ensuring compliance with vaccination requirements during enrollment.
15. **Can patients access their own immunization records?** Yes, they may access a copy of their or their child's record from the KYIR Public Portal. They may receive it as a PDF copy and obtain a school certificate. COVID-19 SMART health cards, a digital copy of their COVID-19 vaccination records, are also available and can be downloaded and stored on their phone. Check it out at the following link <https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/idb/Pages/kyirportal.aspx>.
16. **Can I access reminder and recall reports through KYIR?** Yes, KYIR can generate reminder and recall reports helping you to stay on top of your patients' immunizations and ensure timely follow-ups. They can be generated into an excel spreadsheet or formatted to print labels or postcards.
17. **Can I use KYIR to report a patient's new vaccinations?** Yes, you can enter vaccination information manually into the patients record. KYIR also offers efficient electronic data submission which allows seamless integration with your clinic's system.
18. **Is KYIR compatible with my EHR system?** Yes, KYIR is designed to integrate with various EHR systems used by healthcare providers to promote a continuous data exchange and reduce duplicate entries.
19. **How do I learn more about reporting vaccination data electronically from my clinic's EHR/EMR to KYIR?** Reach out to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE) at www.KHIE.ky.gov for guidance on integrating your clinic's EHR system with KYIR.

For more information on KYIR, email KYIRHelpdesk@ky.gov or call 502-564-0038.

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