

Transition VAMS clinics to CT WiZ

Overview and Q&A

This Presentation Will Begin Momentarily

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What is CT WiZ?

- Connecticut's statewide Immunization Information System (IIS)
- Web-based database
- Confidential as required by Connecticut law
- All vaccinations documented in VAMS show in CT WiZ
- **Coming Soon** a Public Portal
- Visit All About CT WiZ for more information
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/ALL-ABOUT-CT-WiZ>

CT WiZ Features

- Order your vaccines, report doses administered, and track your inventory
- Search all of CT WiZ for recipient records, regardless of vaccination clinic
- Enables bi-directional electronic data exchange with your EHR
- Assess coverage rates with Reports
- “Recommender” forecasts vaccinations that are invalid, due and overdue
- Reminder/Recall Reports
- View/print official immunization records
- Electronically query previous immunization records and consolidate

Possible Transition Benefits

- Established system for managing and reporting immunizations;
- Potential increase in the available throughput at clinics;
- Extensive training materials (dedicated training webpage with videos and "How Do I" documents);
- Numerous reports available for patient and inventory management;
- Flexibility for providers for documenting doses:
 - Use Health Level 7 (HL7) messages with an EHR
 - Data Entry (User Interface, UI) without an EHR
- One clinic to document vaccinations in instead of many different clinic portals.
- One clinic to manage inventory (add, transfer, wastage, adjust etc.)

Possible Transition Cons

- Does not support identification and engagement of vaccine recipients
- Appointment scheduling and check-in occurs outside of CT WiZ
- Paper pre-vaccination questionnaire required
- Recipients do not have access to their record and schedule appointments
- Bulk uploads of patients are not available for Direct Data Entry (for UI Clinics);

CoVP Providers must do the following outside of CT WiZ:

- Identify and contact people that need to be vaccinated in their community based on current communicated eligibility criteria;
- Communicate to the community the clinic schedules;
- Schedule vaccination appointments (I.e., Appointment Plus, ZocDoc)
- Clinics with an EHR - work with DPH to set up an HL7 interface with CT WiZ
- Clinics without an EHR (UI)- must have a method for collecting required patient information and dose administration data, per the CoVP Provider Agreement, within 24 hours of administration and directly enter the required information into CT WiZ.

Electronic Health Record (EHR) Electronic Exchange with CT WiZ

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/Electronic-Health-Record-Electronic-Exchange-With-CT-WiZ>

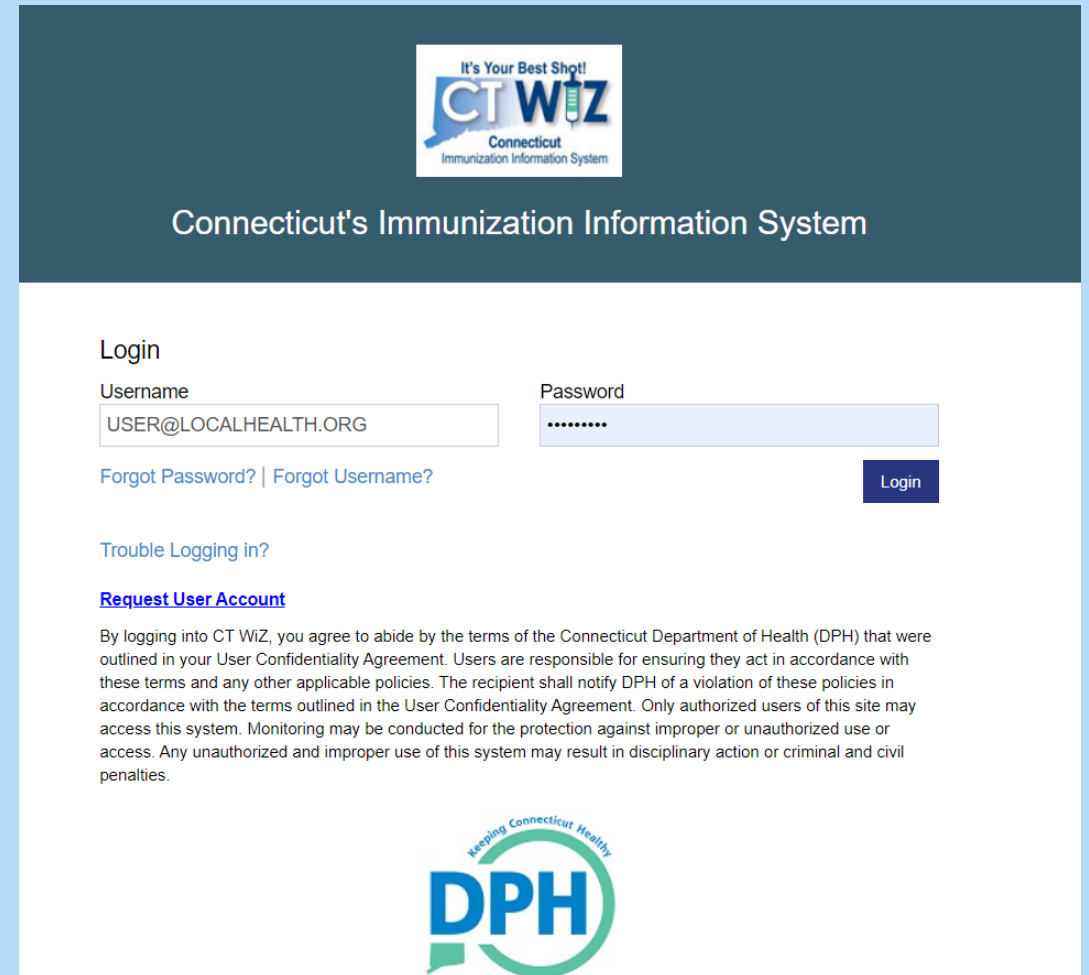
- An interface for a single clinic or an organization
- Can be uni-directional or bi-directional
- Ease of onboarding if [EHR vendor already has onboarded.](#)
- Create patient records in EHR
- Document doses in EHR
- Modify records in EHR
- Manage inventory in CT WiZ
- Run reports including "Recommender" in CT WiZ

What does it mean to be a Direct Data Entry User (User Interface)?

Clinic conducts all activities via the CT WiZ website:

- Create patient records
- Update patient records
 - Demographics and immunizations
- Document doses administered
- Manage inventory
- Run reports including “Recommender”

Used by clinics that do not have an EHR that can report to CT WiZ



The screenshot shows the login interface for the Connecticut Immunization Information System (CT WiZ). At the top, there is a dark blue header with the CT WiZ logo and the text "Connecticut's Immunization Information System". Below the header, the page is white. On the left, there is a "Login" section with a "Username" field containing "USER@LOCALHEALTH.ORG" and a "Password" field with masked characters. Below these fields are links for "Forgot Password?" and "Forgot Username?". To the right of the password field is a blue "Login" button. Below the login fields, there are links for "Trouble Logging in?" and "Request User Account". At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text regarding the terms of use and a DPH logo.

It's Your Best Shot!
CT WiZ
Connecticut
Immunization Information System

Connecticut's Immunization Information System

Login

Username
USER@LOCALHEALTH.ORG

Password
.....

[Forgot Password?](#) | [Forgot Username?](#) [Login](#)

[Trouble Logging in?](#)

[Request User Account](#)

By logging into CT WiZ, you agree to abide by the terms of the Connecticut Department of Health (DPH) that were outlined in your User Confidentiality Agreement. Users are responsible for ensuring they act in accordance with these terms and any other applicable policies. The recipient shall notify DPH of a violation of these policies in accordance with the terms outlined in the User Confidentiality Agreement. Only authorized users of this site may access this system. Monitoring may be conducted for the protection against improper or unauthorized use or access. Any unauthorized and improper use of this system may result in disciplinary action or criminal and civil penalties.

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VAMS Second Dose Scheduling Policy

All clinics can use CT WiZ to run a report of individuals who are overdue for second doses.

- Patient Detail with Services
 - Lists patients that were vaccinated in your clinic
 - Choose vaccination date range and specific vaccine product(s)
- Reminder Recall report (for clinics who are the recipient's medical home)
 - Report excludes patients who received a second dose at a different clinic.
 - [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/infectious_diseases/immunization/CT-WiZ-Training-material-2020/Patient-Management/How-to-run-a-reminder recall-report-1 27 21.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/infectious_diseases/immunization/CT-WiZ-Training-material-2020/Patient-Management/How-to-run-a-reminder_recall-report-1_27_21.pdf)

* Coming Soon* Public Portal



CT WiZ: Access My Immunization Records

[HOME](#) | [HELP](#)

Patients and their Legal Guardians can use this screen to view and print an official record of their immunizations. The patient's First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth, and Gender are required before proceeding.

Who is the Patient?

First Name

Last Name

Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

MM/DD/YYYY



Gender

Who are you?

What is your relationship to the Patient?

How would you like to receive a code to access the immunization record?

☐ Text ☐ Email

Immunization records printed from this site may not be complete. The records represent only the data reported to and entered in CT WiZ.

Clear



Search

To Transition from VAMS to CT WiZ

If your clinic is using VAMS and wants to transition to CT WiZ to document vaccinations, [submit a helpdesk ticket](#) with your PIN and expected date of transition.

A meeting will be scheduled to review the process and expectations.

If you would like a meeting to discuss the process and expectations in more detail but don't have a transition date, submit a helpdesk ticket to schedule a meeting.

BP Number and Title	  <p>DPH – Business Process - Clinics</p> <p>BP-C-005 – Transition VAMS Clinics to CT WiZ Plan v. 1.0</p>
Business Process Detail	<p>To provide options to providers in the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, this business process outlines the steps a provider/DPH take to transition the CoVP Provider from use of the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) to CT WiZ (Connecticut Immunization Information System).</p> <p>Switching from VAMS to CT WiZ can potentially increase the available throughput at clinics, enable DPH to leverage existing training materials and staff to better train providers on the platform, may not require email or computer literacy competencies for vaccine recipients, and allow flexibility for providers to use Health Level 7 (HL7) or User Interface (UI) if they do not have an Electronic Health Record (EHR).</p> <p>CT WiZ does not have all the same functionality as a Standard VAMS Clinic does. CoVP Providers that wish to transition from VAMS to CT WiZ must have the capacity to do the following outside of CT WiZ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and contact people that need to be vaccinated in their community based on current communicated eligibility criteria; Communicate to the community the clinic schedules for 1st and 2nd doses; Schedule 1st and 2nd vaccination appointments using Appointment Plus (recommended) or other method; if providers have another method or website for scheduling, please communicate this to DPH; Clinics with an EHR - work with DPH to identify information within their EHR on priority group / occupation and existing health condition and to link it to records within CT WiZ using an HL7 Interface; and Clinics without an EHR (UI)– must have a method for collecting required patient information and dose administration data, per the CoVP Provider Agreement, within 24 hours of administration and directly enter the required information into CT WiZ. <p>For Providers:</p> <p>The following steps outline the business process –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provider will submit a Helpdesk request to DPH under the topic “Transition VAMS Clinic to CT WiZ request” and include the date they wish to transition as of and their clinic PIN. All providers must do the following to prepare to close out of VAMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provider must be current with data entry/upload submissions in VAMS.

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Close out VAMS use

- Pick a date to make the transition
 - Determine last clinic for 1st and 2nd dose appointments
- Don't make appointments in VAMS after that date
 - Check Treatment Stations for Start and Stop Dates after your chosen End Date
 - Add Clinic Absences to ensure appointments aren't scheduled.
 - Uncheck the "Available for Scheduling" checkbox when ready to stop promoting appointments.
 - Ensure all Checked-In recipients are taken care of (cancelled or vaccination documented)
- Make sure outstanding reporting is complete
- Review your inventory in all clinic types (standard, mobile, third party, pop-up) to ensure the total equals your physical on-hand inventory.
 - Reduce your inventory in each clinic type prior to having it loaded to CT WiZ.
- Attend a transition meeting and an inventory training

CT WiZ training resources

- [CT WiZ Training Website:](#)
 - [Creating a new patient record](#)
 - [Documenting an underlying health condition](#)
 - [Administering a vaccine](#)
 - [Body site codes](#)
 - [Reports manual](#)
 - [Vaccine inventory management](#)





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