

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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Dear Vaccinating Health Care Provider:

Connecticut law requires vaccinating health care providers electronically report all vaccinations administered for all ages to Connecticut Immunization Information System (CT WiZ). For more information on the law regarding CT WiZ, please visit https://portal.ct.gov/immunization/Laws-and-Regulations. It is to the benefit of patients, providers, and public health to capture all vaccinations in CT WiZ especially as patients see more than one provider across their lifespan.

Vaccinating health care providers are authorized and required to disclose and report vaccination records to the Connecticut Department of Public Health's CT WiZ and its authorized agents without patient authorization or opportunity to object because:

- It is required by law.
- It is part of public health activities.

The release of this information to CT WiZ does not place vaccinating health care providers out of compliance with the Federal Privacy Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

- The information disclosed and reported to CT WiZ is what is minimally necessary to achieve the purpose of the disclosure, and providers may rely upon this representation in releasing the requested information to CT WiZ, pursuant to HIPAA Privacy Title 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 164.514(d)(3)(i).
- Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute § 19a-7h, the requested information is required to be provided to the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The Connecticut General Statute § 52-146 o (b) (1) authorizes the release of these records to the Connecticut Department of Public Health without the patient's consent. Additionally, HIPAA authorizes you, as a provider to release this information without authorization, consent, release, or opportunity to object by the patient, as information (i) required by law to be disclosed [HIPAA Privacy regulation CFR § 164.512 (a)], and (ii) as part of the Department's public health activities [HIPAA Privacy regulation CFR § 164.512 (b)].

By Connecticut law, the Connecticut Department of Public Health Immunization Program is committed to ensuring all aspects of patient confidentiality and privacy are protected in CT WiZ. With providers' ongoing cooperation and compliance, we will continue to be one of the top states in the nation with the highest immunization coverage rates.

If you have further questions, please contact (860) 509-7929 or DPH.Immunizations@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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