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TO: All Vaccinating Health Care Providers

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SUBJECT: CT WiZ Law Update - Electronic Reporting Requirements

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The purpose of this communication is to provide information concerning the new state law requiring health care providers to electronically report all vaccine dose administrations to the Connecticut Immunization Information System (IIS), called CT WiZ.

### CT WiZ Law Update

As of July 1, 2022, [state law](#) mandates vaccinating health care providers report electronically to CT WiZ all vaccine doses administered for all ages. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) is here to support you through the reporting process, whether you decide to establish an automated interface with CT WiZ through your electronic health record (EHR) system or by directly entering patient information in the user interface (UI).

We understand this new requirement may take some time to implement in your practice, if you are not already reporting electronically to CT WiZ.

- Providers should visit our [website](#), as early as possible, to review the procedures and submit the [online application](#) to start the process.
  - **Please ensure your practice completes the process for electronic reporting no later than December 31, 2022 for large practices** (defined as administering 1,000 doses of vaccine per year or more), and **no later than March 1, 2023 for smaller practices** (defined as administering fewer than 1,000 doses of vaccine per year).
  - The timelines listed above are **deadlines** and are intended to give you enough time to complete the onboarding process by the date stated. The deadlines are based on average time needed for onboarding and training.

Providers should review the policies and procedures of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which are posted on our webpage at: [Policies and procedures regarding The Connecticut Immunization Information System](#).



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Under the regulatory authority of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-7h as amended by Section 493 of Public Act 22-118, each health care provider, school nurse, and local health department or district providing healthcare services shall comply with the policies and procedures to utilize CT WiZ. The policies and procedures specify the access and reporting procedures needed for vaccinating health care providers to comply, either through an EHR interface known as HL7 data exchange or by requesting direct access to CT WiZ to enter required information in the web-based secure user interface. The policies and procedures also specify how a vaccine recipient, or in the case of a minor, a parent or guardian, can access the vaccine recipient's vaccine information or decline participation in CT WiZ.

### **What is CT WiZ**

CT WiZ, the statewide Immunization Information System (IIS), is a secure web-based system that maintains complete and accurate immunization records for all Connecticut residents. The system began as a statewide childhood registry in 1998 and later expanded to include the entire lifespan. Since December 2020, all COVID-19 vaccinations administered have been reported to CT WiZ.

CT WiZ is an 'opt out' system. Once your practice is reporting to CT WiZ, you do not need to ask your patients for consent to share data with CT WiZ, however per [state law](#) you must provide the [Notice to Patients About Reporting to CT WiZ](#) at the time an immunization is administered. If a patient wishes to opt out, they must contact the CT DPH directly.

CT WiZ benefits include the ability to:

- Access consolidated immunization records for patients served by multiple providers.
- View/print official immunization records for schools, childcare, camps, college, travel, etc.
- Access vaccine forecasts/clinical decision support for due and overdue doses.
- Generate *Reminder/Recall*, *Immunization Coverage Rate* reports and more.
- Manage vaccine inventory. 'Publicly supplied' inventory must be managed in CT WiZ and must be reconciled prior to placing vaccine orders with the State, per [CVP](#) or [CoVP Provider Agreements](#). 'Privately purchased' inventory may also be managed in CT WiZ, if desired.
- Enable the public access to their own, or their minor child's, immunization record via the [CT WiZ Public Portal](#) using two-factor authentication.

**To get started, complete the [CT WiZ application](#) online.**

- For more information, visit our [webpage](#) and see if your practice utilizes an EHR vendor [that has already onboarded](#) with CT WiZ. Typically, this expedites the onboarding process.
- If you are attesting to the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for [Promoting Interoperability](#) for Medicare, by reporting electronically to CT WiZ, you can demonstrate compliance with "active engagement with a public health agency to submit immunization data and receive immunization forecasts and histories from an immunization information system."
- Electronic reporting to CT WiZ enables you to submit vaccines administered, query vaccine forecasts, order publicly funded vaccines, and manage inventory all in one system.

Your cooperation in reporting of all vaccines administered to all residents of CT will assure that CT WiZ can be relied upon to guide patient care, improve vaccination rates, and reduce vaccine-preventable disease for Connecticut's population.

If you have additional questions, please contact us at: <https://portal.ct.gov/immunization/Contact-Us>