



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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Dear Vaccinating Provider:

As of July 2022, Connecticut law requires providers to electronically report all vaccinations administered for all ages to CT WiZ. For more information on the law, 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.

I want to address any concerns that the release of this information to CT WiZ may place you in non-compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 19a-7h, the requested information is required to be provided to the Connecticut Department of Public Health. With this in mind, allow me to inform you that: **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, the Federal Privacy Regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), also 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 42 CFR~ 164.512 (a)], and (ii) as part of the Department's public health activities [ HIPAA Privacy regulation 42 CFR sec. 164.512 (b) ].The requested information is what is minimally necessary to achieve the purpose of the disclosure, and you may rely upon this representation in releasing the requested information, pursuant to 42 CFR ~ 164.514 (d) (3) (iii) (A) of the HIPAA Privacy regulations.**

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 regarding HIPAA compliance, please contact (860) 509-7929.

Sincerely,

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