

IMMUNIZATION Update

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Question of the week

What is the easiest way to access immunization records?



The easiest way for patients to access their immunization records in Louisiana is through the [MyIR Mobile portal](#).

MyIR Mobile, short for My Immunization Records, is a free online platform accessible via desktop and mobile devices. It allows individuals who have received vaccinations in Louisiana to access their immunization records at any time conveniently. In addition, individuals can also view their children's vaccination records.

Most people are familiar with online vaccination records, having downloaded and used the SMART Health card within the [LA Wallet app](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. MyIR, however, not only has COVID-19 vaccination records, but it also has records for all immunizations received in Louisiana.

We encourage all providers to tell their patients about MyIR mobile and bookmark the site, <https://myirmobile.com/>.

Temporary suspension of Td ordering

CDC put restricted allocations into place effective 2/26/2024 for all three Td vaccines (Grifols vial presentation; Sanofi vial presentation; Sanofi syringe presentation). At this time, due to current supply being extremely low, the Louisiana Immunization Program is temporarily suspending Td ordering in LINKS.

Tdap vaccine remains available without any supply

or ordering constraints at this time.

Inquiries may be directed to the Immunization Program at 504-568-2600.

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Immunization records now available in Spanish

Louisiana residents can conveniently access their vaccination records online through the [MyIR Mobile portal](#), available in both Spanish and English.

Keeping track of vaccination records is important for school attendance, job requirements, participation in some sports leagues and some international travel. This platform allows users to review their immunization history, receive reminders for upcoming vaccinations and print official records using a SMART Health Card.



According to Chaquetta Johnson, Director of the Louisiana Department of Health's Immunization Program, the addition of Spanish language support reflects the growing need for accessible health records.

MyIR Mobile empowers individuals to manage their health proactively, with options to display the account in English or Spanish. By leveraging the Louisiana Immunization Registry, LINKS, MyIR facilitates seamless communication between users and the LDH Immunization Program, ensuring timely vaccination updates and reminders.

Register for MyIR [here](#).

Understanding disease outbreaks and vaccines: insights from Dr. Katie O'Neal

In our latest blog post of Vax Matters, we're taking a close look at disease outbreaks and how vaccines help stop them. Our featured guest, Dr. Katie O'Neal, shares her knowledge about infectious diseases and how they spread.

The scoop on outbreaks

Dr. O'Neal tells us that outbreaks happen when there's a sudden increase in a sickness, like COVID-19. These outbreaks can be local (in one place) or global (all over the world). Diseases can come from contaminated food, animals or even just being around sick people.

What causes diseases to spread?



Infectious diseases are everywhere, from our bodies to the environment. Dr. O'Neal explains that we can catch diseases through direct contact (like eating contaminated food) or indirect contact (touching something that someone sick touched). Sometimes, diseases can spread through the air, too!

Stopping the spread: vaccines to the rescue

Vaccines are like practice for our immune system. Dr. O'Neal says, "I want to practice to be better." When we get vaccines, our bodies learn to fight off diseases before they make us sick. Washing our hands and cooking food well also helps keep us safe.

Understanding how diseases end

Dr. O'Neal tells us that diseases end when enough people are immune to them. Vaccines help build immunity faster and protect us from getting sick.

Tips for staying healthy

Remember to wash your hands, cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing and get vaccinated when it's your turn. These simple steps can help keep you and your community healthy!

Conclusion: being informed is key

By learning about disease outbreaks and how vaccines work, we can all do our part to stay healthy and stop the spread of sickness. Let's work together to keep our communities safe! This blog post shares insights from Dr. Katie O'Neal's conversation on the Vax Matters podcast.

To hear more about disease outbreaks and vaccines, check out the full episode [here](#).



The advertisement features a photograph of a smiling man holding a young girl. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "Don't lose Medicaid coverage" in large blue font, followed by "Update your contact info" in white text on a teal background. Below this, the website "www.healthy.la.gov" is listed in blue, and the Louisiana Department of Health Medicaid logo is shown in the bottom right corner.

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