



**If you have questions about the Nebraska State Immunization Information System, you can:**

- ⇒ **Speak to your health care provider,**
- ⇒ **Visit [www.dhhs.ne.gov/nesiis](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/nesiis),**
- ⇒ **E-mail the NESIIS Helpdesk at [dhhs.nesiis@nebraska.gov](mailto:dhhs.nesiis@nebraska.gov), or**
- ⇒ **Call the NESIIS Help line at 888-433-2510.**



**NESIIS can help health care providers prevent Vaccine Preventable Diseases.**

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NEBRASKA STATE  
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**NESIIS**

**“Helping People  
Live Better Lives”**

**NESIIS is a secure, web-based system that allows health care providers to keep track of immunizations.**

*You know a lot about your child...*

*... favorite foods*

*... favorite color*

*... how to heal a scratched knee*

***But, do you know where your child's immunization records are?***

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<http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/imm/immindex.htm>

## What is NESIIS

The Nebraska State Immunization Information



NESIIS is an across the life-span system

System (NESIIS) is a secure, statewide, web-based system that has been developed to connect and share immunization information among public clinics, private provider offices, local health departments, schools, hospitals, and other health care facilities that administer immunizations.

## Why We Need NESIIS

Many children in Nebraska receive immunizations from more than one provider. Without access to a child's immunization information, it can be difficult to know which vaccine a child had and which additional vaccines a child needs at any particular time. This can cause immunizations to be missed or unnecessarily repeated. NESIIS, maintained by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, provides a quick and easy solution to the problem.

NESIIS electronically stores a child's immunization record in a secure system. Health care providers can access the information to determine which, if any, immunizations are needed at any given time. Complete and up to date immunization records can be printed for schools, daycares, or whenever you need them.

## What Are the Benefits of NESIIS?

NESIIS is a secure computerized data system that tracks the immunizations given to people in Nebraska. NESIIS is an across-the-lifespan system, which means that everyone, young and old, can keep their immunization information in one secure location. By keeping a record of the immunizations given, health care providers, parents, and legal guardians know when a person is up-to-date on the vaccinations they need.

NESIIS:

- ◆ Provides immediate access to a patient's validated immunization history, whether administered by a public or private provider within the state.
- ◆ Identifies each patient's needed immunizations, using the Centers for Disease Control and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC/ACIP) Immunization Schedules or a custom tracking schedule developed by your physician.
- ◆ Generates patient recall and reminder letters, cards, labels, and lists so that you can be notified when your next immunizations are due.
- ◆ Is easily accessible on the internet.

If you move within the state or change health care providers, your immunizations can be easily accessed by your new health care provider.



## Security and Confidentiality

NESIIS has several security features built into its system to ensure the confidentiality of your immunization information. NESIIS uses data encryption for all data going to and from NESIIS and is compliant with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) standards.

Using NESIIS will actually save you time when looking for your or your child's immunization information. It takes less than one minute for the average user to locate an immunization record on NESIIS.

## Questions You May Have About Immunizations:

### 1. Why Do We Vaccinate?

We don't vaccinate just to protect our children. We also vaccinate to protect our grandchildren and their grandchildren. If we keep vaccinating now, parents in the future may be able to trust that diseases like polio and meningitis won't infect, cripple, or kill children. Vaccinations are one of the best ways to put an end to the serious effects of certain diseases.

### 2. Are Vaccines Safe?

Most vaccines cause only minor side effects, such as soreness where the shot was given or a slight fever. These side effects do not last long and are treatable. Serious reactions are very rare. Remember, if your child gets a disease that could have been prevented with a vaccine, the risks of the disease are much greater than the risk of a vaccine reaction. Talk to your health care provider if you have concerns.

### 3. I don't know anyone who has had mumps or rubella. Why does my baby need these shots?

You might think that these diseases are not a serious threat today because you don't see or hear much about them. However, they are still around, and if we stop vaccinating against these diseases, many more people will become infected. Vaccinations will keep your child safe from these diseases.