

## Questions & Answers for Public

### 1. **What is the Nebraska State Immunization Information System (NESIIS)?**

The Nebraska State Immunization Information System (NESIIS) is a computer system that has information on the shots that were given to your child. NESIIS can remind you or your doctor of the next shots due to keep your child up-to-date with their immunizations and keep them from receiving immunizations they don't need. NESIIS also allows you to access to print you or your child's immunization record at any time,

### 2. **Why does NESIIS exist?**

The purpose of the NESIIS is to make sure that children have all of their immunizations and that the information is there when you or your doctor need it. All of the immunizations given are based on a schedule that tells providers when certain shots are needed. The immunization schedule is confusing and sometimes changes. NESIIS can help doctors decide which shots should be given to your child and when.

### 3. **Why should I enroll my child in NESIIS?**

NESIIS can help protect your child's health. A doctor can use NESIIS to review your child's complete immunization history so that he/she doesn't miss immunizations that are needed or receive un-needed vaccinations. A complete record saves you the time and cost of extra doctor appointments, and your child won't need to repeat any immunizations. Your doctor can quickly print you a new copy of your record or you can access and print your own records and any time through the "Public Access" link to NESIIS.

### 4. **What information is in NESIIS?**

Information contained in NESIIS includes: patient name (first, middle, and last); patient birth date; patient sex; patient birth state/country; mother's name; the types and dates of vaccines given; and the date the vaccination was given.

### 5. **How is my child's immunization record and information protected?**

NESIIS is safe and private. By law, it can be used only by authorized people in the medical office or health plan that serves your child. In addition, schools, WIC programs, foster care agencies, and other programs can be authorized to look up immunization records—but only for the children they serve. NESIIS can only be used to check immunization records, see what immunizations are due, and see what immunizations a patient may need.

Protection of NESIIS data is managed through state privacy, confidentiality, and security laws, and through compliance with federal privacy rules and regulations, such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) of 1996.

### 6. **Do I have to have my child's information in NESIIS?**

The choice is up to you. As a parent, you have the right to decide: 1) not to share your child's Immunization records in NESIIS, and 2) if you want to get reminders for immunization appointments. NESIIS is an excellent tool to help parents keep their kids healthy.

### 7. **Can I change my mind about agreeing to participate?**

Of course! You can ask to stop sharing your child's information in NESIIS at any time. You can also decide to start sharing your child's information even if you said no before.

**8. Can I see my child's information in NESIIS?**

Yes, you have the right to see information about your child that's in NESIIS and to ask the medical office to make needed corrections.

**9. What if I move or change doctors?**

NESIIS keeps all your child's immunization records in one place. If your child sees different doctors, changes health plans, needs emergency services, or moves to a neighboring city, their immunization records will follow.

**10. How long is my child's immunization record kept and available?**

NESIIS is an across-the-life-span system so your records will be kept indefinitely and you will be able to access them at any time.

**11. How much does it cost to participate in NESIIS?**

There is no cost to a patient or provider to participate in NESIIS.

**12. How can I obtain a copy of my immunization history out of NESIIS?**

If your provider participates in the NESIIS application, you will have public access to your immunization record and to the immunization records of your children from the convenience and privacy of your own home. Public access is available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Simply click on the "NESIIS Public Access" link located on this web page to search for your record.

**13. How can I find out if my child's doctor is participating in the NESIIS?**

Just ask your doctor if they use NESIIS. You can also contact the NESIIS Help Desk to find out if your doctor participates.