



## What is the California Immunization Registry (CAIR)?

The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is a secure, confidential, statewide immunization information system. It can be accessed only by registered, authorized users, who can then determine the immunization status of their patients, students, or clients. CAIR helps schools determine if children need assistance becoming up-to-date with vaccines, and helps local health departments determine if people exposed to a disease already have immunity.

## Life Without an Immunization Registry...

If California doesn't fund CAIR, there will be no statewide record of vaccinations given. This means people will have to rely on their own copies of medical records.

### Local Health Departments...

Without CAIR, in the event of a disease exposure – especially the growing concern of measles – local health department (LHD) staff will have to contact every single individual who may have been exposed to determine their vaccination status. LHD staff will no longer have a quick way to know who is already immune. Absent proof of vaccination, those who are exposed will be asked to quarantine themselves to avoid exposing others. This will cost LHDs vital staff time that could be avoided, and will cause an undue burden on individuals who **quarantine unnecessarily**.

Without CAIR, local health departments will be left without a shared, central source of immunization data, increasing reliance on **ad hoc, locally managed workarounds** that may not be interoperable with systems elsewhere in California or the country.

### Schools...

Without CAIR, schools would have to **devote staff time to finding vaccine records** by phone calls and emails to parents and health care providers.

### Families...

Without CAIR, parents will have to **maintain their own immunization records or request them from their doctor's office** (or multiple doctors' offices) when proof of immunization is needed at kindergarten or seventh grade – an already stressful time for parents.

Without CAIR, if a college, a job, or extracurricular activity requires immunization, parents will have to scramble to **find their records in time**.

### **Health Care Providers...**

Without CAIR, doctors, pharmacists, and other providers will have to duplicate paperwork, field additional requests, and will have an **increased bureaucratic burden** when it comes to assessing vaccine needs, preparing reminders, and maintaining records.

**Please support \$22 million in continued funding for CAIR.**

We believe the systems California has built should not be undone during difficult budget times, only to have to be rebuilt at great expense in future years. Please continue to sustain these programs, which help to protect all Californians.