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## What Is CHIRP?

CHIRP stands for the Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program. It is our state's immunization registry that **permanently** stores immunization records in an electronic format. CHIRP has been around since 2002 and currently stores almost 60 million records for current and former Hoosiers.

One way to get your child's records updated in CHIRP is to provide a copy of the record to your child's school, as required under Indiana Law (IC 20-34-4-5). School nurses and other school personnel can enter records into CHIRP. All schools that are accredited under the Indiana Department of Education use CHIRP to review and update student immunization records. Schools must, however, have parent permission under the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) prior to entering any immunization records into the registry. This is the reason your child's school is asking you to sign a "CHIRP Release Form".

There are many benefits to having immunization records stored in CHIRP. Most importantly, having a record in CHIRP can prevent costly and unnecessary revaccination in the future. CHIRP is also a life-time registry. CHIRP allows an individual, parent or guardian to access their own immunization records at any time. CHIRP also has an portal called MyVaxIndiana which allows individuals to access their own or their child's immunization records online. To learn more about MyVaxIndiana, please talk with your healthcare provider or visit <https://myvaxindiana.in.gov/>.