

Permission to Share Your Child's School Immunization/Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Test Information with the California Immunization Registry (CAIR)

Immunizations or 'shots' prevent serious diseases. Tuberculosis (TB) screening tests help to determine if you have may have TB infection and can be required for school entry. Keeping track of your child's shots/TB tests can be hard, especially if more than one doctor gave them. The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is a secure computer system that doctors and authorized health care providers use to keep track of your child's shots and TB tests. If you change doctors, your new doctor can use the registry to see your child's shot/TB test record. CAIR is supported by the California Department of Public Health.

How does CAIR help you?

- Keeps track of all your child's shots and TB tests (skin tests/chest x-rays), so he/she doesn't miss any or get too many
- Gives you a copy of your child's most up-to-date shot/TB test record (from the doctor)
- Helps child care or school officials confirm that your child got shots/TB tests needed to start child care or school
- Helps your doctor send you reminders when your child needs shots

How does CAIR help your school?

Under California law, schools, child care, and other agencies may use CAIR only to:

- See which shots/TB tests children in their programs have received or need
- Make sure children have all shots/TB tests needed to start child care or school

What information can be shared in CAIR?

- Your child's name, sex, birth date, and birthplace
- Parents' or guardians' names
- Details about your child's shots/TB tests, such as type of vaccine/TB test and date given
- Limited non-medical information to correctly identify your child

Your child's information is safe! What's entered in CAIR is treated like private medical information. Under California law, *only* your doctor's office, health plan, or public health department may see your address and phone number. Misuse of the registry can be punished by law.

Parent and Guardian Rights

It's your legal right to:

- Say no, if you don't want to share shot/TB test information from your child's school record with CAIR
- Change your mind later if you want to stop or start sharing your child's shot/TB test information with CAIR
- Look at a copy of your child's shot/TB test record in CAIR and ask your doctor to correct any possible mistakes
- Know who has looked at your child's CAIR record

If you want to allow your school to share information from your child's school record with the California Immunization Registry, please SIGN and DATE below. Your child's school will do the rest!

Parent/Guardian Signature

Today's Date

Child's Full Name (please print)

____/____/____/_____
Child's Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Mother's First and Last Names (please print)

Child sex: M F
(circle)

For more information, contact the CAIR Help Desk at 800-578-7889 or CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov