

ImmTrac, the Texas immunization registry, is a no-cost service offered by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). It is a secure and confidential registry available to all Texans. ImmTrac safely consolidates and stores immunization information electronically in one centralized system. Texas law requires written consent for ImmTrac participation and limits access to individuals who have been authorized by State .

Written Consent

ImmTrac is an “opt-in” registry, therefore; written consent is required for immunization information to be included in ImmTrac. Adults (18 years and older) and/or parents must provide written consent, for children (younger than 18), to participate in ImmTrac. Parents are also given the option to grant consent or request exclusion for their newborn’s participation during the birth registration process. Written consent for participation is only required **one time**. Clients may withdraw consent and request removal of their record from ImmTrac at any time.

Legislative Changes (Senate Bill 346) Impacts Adults and requires the following:

- In 2011, the ImmTrac Group implemented Senate Bill 346, which allows all Texans older than 18 years of age, to participate in ImmTrac, the immunization registry.
- Adults must provide written consent for their immunizations (current and/or historical) to be stored and consolidated in ImmTrac.
- Health-care providers may, but are not required to, report to ImmTrac immunizations administered to adults.

Legislation Changes (Senate Bill 11, 80th Legislature) Impacts First Responders and requires the following:

- Effective September 1, 2007, legislation permits inclusion of immunization records for first responders (18 years or older) and their immediate family members.
- This change allows first responders and their adult family members to request inclusion of their immunization records in ImmTrac. First responders and their immediate family members must also provide written consent to participate in ImmTrac.

Legislative Changes (House Bill 1921) Impacts Providers and requires the following:

- Effective January 1, 2005, all healthcare providers must report all vaccines administered to children younger than 18 years of age to DSHS within 30 days of administration
- Prior to including a child’s immunization information in the Registry, DSHS shall verify that parental consent has been granted for that child’s participation in ImmTrac.

ImmTrac Benefits

ImmTrac offers many benefits to health-care providers and families. Health-care providers can have easy access to immunization information on their patients via the Internet. A patient’s past, current and future immunization information is consolidated from multiple sources into one electronic record. ImmTrac interprets the complex immunization schedules and allows providers to send *Reminder* or *Recall* notices for immunizations due or overdue for all individuals younger than 18 years. The Registry helps providers ensure that clients receive age-appropriate and timely vaccinations, reducing the added costs associated with over-vaccinating.

For families, ImmTrac consolidates immunization information from multiple providers into one centralized system, reducing the need to maintain several individual immunization records. ImmTrac helps to keep a client’s vaccine schedule up-to-date and helps to ensure important vaccines are not missed. In addition, a client’s ImmTrac immunization record is available from authorized health-care providers, DSHS health service regions or local health departments. The ImmTrac immunization record is recognized as an *official* immunization record that meets work, school, camp, child-care facility, military and college entry requirements.

For first responders, ImmTrac consolidates and securely stores all immunizations in one centralized system, reducing the need to maintain several individual immunization records. ImmTrac provides easy access to immunization histories during response efforts throughout the state of Texas and helps to ensure first responders are protected from communicable diseases they could be exposed to when responding to an emergency. The Registry also provides the opportunity for the immediate family members of first responders to participate in ImmTrac.

ImmTrac Contact Information

To obtain more information about ImmTrac, please contact the DSHS Immunization Branch’s information hotline at (800) 252-9152. You may also send an e-mail to ImmTrac@dshs.state.tx.us or visit www.ImmTrac.com or www.ImmTracForEveryone.com.