Immunization Record Validation Tips

- A handwritten immunization record should be considered valid if it contains the vaccine name, vaccination date (month, day, and year), and medical or public health personnel validation. Validation includes a signature, initials, or stamp.

- An immunization record generated from an electronic health record must include clinic contact information and the provider’s signature/stamp, along with the vaccine name and vaccination date (month, day, and year).

- A vaccine record should be considered valid even if the same pen and/or handwriting is used throughout the immunization record.

- Use Immunization Information Systems. Every state has an Immunization Information Systems (IIS) and ImmTrac2 is the IIS for Texas. A student’s immunization record in ImmTrac2 may be more complete/up-to-date than the paper record.
  - Official records from an IIS (ImmTrac2 or another state’s IIS) are considered valid.
  - If a child is not in ImmTrac2, it’s a good idea to provide the ImmTrac2 consent form to the parent/guardian. One advantage is that if a child’s immunization record is in ImmTrac2, the record will be available without requiring the parent/guardian to keep track of a paper record.

- Official records provided by a student’s previous school (Texas or other state) are also considered valid documentation for immunizations, as long as the date include the month, day, and year.

- On some immunization records from other countries, the month and day are reversed compared to immunization records from the United States. The table provides an example for February 28, 2019.

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Tools

- CDC Pink Book, especially Appendix B
- ImmTrac2 Texas Immunization Registry
- Immunization Action Coalition Quick Chart of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Terms in Multiple Languages
- Texas Administrative Code Rule 97.68 Acceptable Evidence of Vaccination(s)