

Washington State Immunization Information System (WAIS) Information to Know Before Choosing Not to Participate

Before choosing not to participate in the WAIS, review the following information:

The [Washington State Immunization Information System](#) (WAIS) is our state's lifetime immunization registry and allows healthcare providers and schools to keep track of your and your family's vaccines, and when you may or may not need to get vaccinated.

Besides you, the only other people authorized to see you or your family's information in the WAIS are healthcare professionals. This includes healthcare professionals that work in your child's school. To be authorized, healthcare professionals must sign a special agreement with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

The WAIS receives your family's information from healthcare providers, health plans, and information from your birth certificate that is available to the public.

You and/or other members of your family may need copies of your immunization record for school camp, college, the military, etc. Deleting your families information from the WAIS may prevent you from obtaining this information in the future including through the [MyIR](#) system.

DOH sends [Watch Me Grow Washington](#) mailings as a way to remind you about your child's need for well-child checkups and vaccines along with other important health and safety information. If your child's information is no longer maintained in the WAIS, DOH will no longer be able to send this information.

The state employees and contractors who maintain the WAIS are legally bound by federal and state confidentiality and privacy rules.

Information in the WAIS is not used for commercial or marketing purposes.

If you choose to remove information from the WAIS, please note that each time you or your child receives immunizations you must request your healthcare provider not send your information to the WAIS. DOH receives information from providers and does not have control of the information providers send.

After removing yourself from the WAIS, you have the option to participate in the WAIS again, however there may be gaps or inconsistencies in your/your child's historical vaccination data.

If you receive a COVID-19 vaccine, the DOH will retain that information for as long as required for the purposes of reporting to the federal government, pursuant to the requirements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and cannot be deleted until then. DOH generally reports de-identified vaccine records to the federal government within 72 hours of the data entering the WAIS.

If, after reading the information above, you still chose not to participate in the WAIS, fill out and sign the "Request to Decline Participation in the WAIS" form and send to us.

Request to Decline Participation in the WAIS

Each person requires their own form. This form is for:

Myself My Child

Person's First Name

Person's Middle Name

Person's Last Name (current and former, if applicable)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Address (including apt #, if applicable) City

State

Zip Code

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- Select One: Remove my information from the Watch Me Grow Washington Mailing list (only for children under 6)
- Remove only my immunization records from the WAIS (Watch Me Grow Washington mailings will still be sent for children under 6)
- Remove **all** of my information from the WAIS (includes both Watch Me Grow Washington and immunization records)

Email me a copy of the official immunization records so I have it for future reference:

Yes

No

Email: _____

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have been informed of the document "Information to Know Before Choosing Not to Participate". You may mail, fax, or e-mail, however we must have an original signature (electronic signatures will not be accepted).

Signature / Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (must be original signature)

Date

First Name

Last Name

Relationship to Child (if applicable)

Contact Phone or Email (in case we are unable to locate your records):

Additional Comments:

Washington State Immunization Information System

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