

Aotearoa Immunisation Register

The Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR) is managed by Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora and records all immunisations that are given to people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The AIR is used to:

- record your immunisations
- provide information to your healthcare providers about previous immunisations you have received, to assist with immunisation
- support follow up when immunisations are due, recommended or available, and
- help understand and manage public health risks relating to vaccine preventable diseases.

Information recorded in the AIR

The AIR keeps a record of:

- your National Health Index number (NHI), date of birth and gender
- details about the immunisations you receive
- if you choose not to have a free immunisation that you are eligible for
- your contact person's name and contact details (if applicable), and
- information that supports the delivery and offering of immunisation services to you (some of which may be generated by Health New Zealand or collected from other providers).

Other personal information associated with your NHI (such as name, address, healthcare

provider, and ethnicity) is not stored in the AIR but can be accessed in the AIR through the National Health Index and National Enrolment Service Systems. This allows healthcare providers to link your name and details to your information in the AIR.

The AIR will ensure that information about your immunisations remains up to date and complete, even if you change providers or use another health service.

How your information is used

The information collected in the AIR will only be used for the authorised purposes it was collected for. This may include:

- managing your health
- keeping you and others safe
- planning and funding health services
- other purposes, such as training healthcare professionals, supporting broader health and social services
- carrying out authorised research, including preparing and publishing statistics.

Health New Zealand and its contracted providers may use information in the AIR to offer you relevant immunisation services and support. You are entitled to decline any such offers.

Who can access your information

Only authorised users with login rights can access information in the AIR, including:

- people involved in managing or administering vaccines (such as vaccinators and administration staff) and other health professionals who work with you (such as your doctor and hospital staff)
- Health New Zealand staff working on vaccination programmes and vaccine-related public health campaigns, including outbreak response, contact tracing and recall programmes.

Everyone who accesses the AIR is trained to keep your personal information safe. All access to the AIR is recorded and can be audited.

Information may be shared with other organisations that provide health services, such as Primary Health Organisations or Hauora Māori (Māori healthcare) providers, in accordance with Information Sharing Agreements approved by Health New Zealand. Where required, information may also be provided to Health New Zealand staff who do not have AIR login rights, subject to privacy and security controls. Information will only be shared for authorised purposes related to the AIR's functions.

If you want to restrict access to your immunisation information

If you wish to limit how your immunisation information will be accessed, you can request that access to your information is restricted. However, this may mean some of the benefits of the AIR – such as direct access to your full immunisation history

by those providing you with immunisation services – are not available.

More information about restricting access is available in the AIR Privacy Statement at healthnz.govt.nz/aotearoa-immunisation-record-privacy-information

A form to request restricted access can be downloaded from healthnz.govt.nz/aotearoa-immunisation-record-privacy-information or requested by emailing customerservice@health.govt.nz

More information

For more detail on the AIR and how your information is used, please refer to the full Aotearoa Immunisation Register Privacy Statement. It can be found on the Health New Zealand website healthnz.govt.nz/aotearoa-immunisation-record-privacy-information

Accessing and correcting your information

You can request your personal information, and your immunisation records, as held in the AIR by making a request to customerservice@health.govt.nz

If you wish to request a correction to your information, please email customerservice@health.govt.nz



Contact us

If you have any questions about the AIR, please speak to your healthcare provider or contact customerservice@health.govt.nz

This resource is available from health.govt.nz or your local Authorised Provider.