

CAMP OPERATOR LETTER FOR NYSIIS AND CIR ACCESS

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Dear Camp Operator:

Public Health Law (PHL) allows children's camps access to immunization records maintained in the [New York State Immunization Information System](#) (NYSIIS) and the [New York Citywide Immunization Registry](#) (CIR). These registries are confidential, web-based systems that contain consolidated vaccination information from New York State (NYS) healthcare providers. NYSIIS contains records of children vaccinated in NYS excluding New York City (NYC) and the CIR contains records of those vaccinated within NYC. NYS providers are mandated by law to report immunizations given to children less than 19 years of age to the appropriate registry. Immunizations given to individuals 19 years and older may be reported to the appropriate registry with patient consent. Records for children who were immunized outside of NYS are not maintained in either of the registries.

To access NYSIIS, each camp must obtain a NYSDOH Health Commerce System (HCS) account. Medical professionals can apply directly to HSC for an account at <https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub/top.html>; however, non-medical staff must complete the attached "Information Required for Children's Camp to Access NYSIIS" form and return it to the [local health department](#) that has jurisdiction in the county the camp is located. The attached guidance documents provide additional instructions for camp operators on how to gain access to each of the registries.

The revisions to the PHL do not alter the requirements in Subpart 7-2 of the State Sanitary Code for camps to maintain current health histories including immunization records for each camper; however, it provides camps with an additional tool for obtaining NYS immunization records. All immunization records must be maintained in a confidential file for review during inspection.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Bell at 845-340-3028 or lbur@co.ulster.ny.us.

Sincerely,

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