

What information is collected and accessible when someone receives a vaccine in Minnesota?

When an individual receives a vaccine in Minnesota, two sets of data are created. One by the provider who administers the vaccine such as a healthcare provider, pharmacy or local public health and another by a statewide immunization database. The data collected by the provider will vary and what information is collected should be disclosed to you upon request. The data collected by the provider is private data and protected by Minnesota Health Records Act, Minnesota Statute, Section 144.

Minnesota also collects and stores vaccination data in a statewide database system called Minnesota Immunization Information Connection. (MIIC). MIIC combines immunizations a person has received into a single record, even if the shots were given by different health care providers in the state. MIIC helps make sure Minnesotans get the right vaccines at the right time.¹

MIIC records contain the following information:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Contact information
- Parent or guardian's name
- Vaccine history, including vaccine type, manufacturer, and lot number if submitted
- Vaccine recommendations
- Medical reasons why someone should not have vaccines²

What about privacy of data in MIIC?

Protecting the privacy of individuals is of paramount importance to MIIC and the Minnesota Department of Health. MIIC is password-protected and accessible only by authorized users as specified in law. The data in MIIC is classified as private and protected by the Minnesota Immunization Data Sharing Law,

¹ <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/public.html>

² *Id.*

Minnesota Statutes, Section 144.3351. Organizations participating in MIIC must sign an user agreement that outlines the privacy and security terms for authorized users.

- Only authorized users can submit and access data in MIIC. Find more information on what types of providers can participate in MIIC, and HIPAA and FERPA protections, please visit [MIIC Data Privacy](#).
- Non-authorized individuals cannot log into MIIC or have access to MIIC to look up their record(s). Request your immunization record if you would like to see your immunization history
- MIIC only contains immunization data submitted by providers who participate in MIIC. Full medical records are not stored in MIIC and MIIC staff cannot retrieve that documentation for you. More information can be found on at [Medical Records Information](#).
- An individual may decide at any time to limit their participation in MIIC. Options include: choosing not to receive immunization reminders from the state and its public health partners, locking the record to a current health care provider so it is not accessible to other authorized users, or choosing to opt-out of participating altogether. For more information, see [Data Privacy and MIIC Records](#).³

How can I request my MIIC Immunization Record?

To request your or your child's MIIC record complete a [MIIC Immunization Record Request](#). Requests will be processed in the order they are received.

A parent or legal guardian can request records for children under the age of 18 years. Individuals over the age of 18 years old must request their own record. You **cannot** request a record for your spouse/partner.

Need assistance?

- If you need assistance in another language, are unable to complete an online request, or are an out of state provider, please call the MIIC Record Request line at 651-201-3980.
- If you have questions about record requests please email Health.immrecords@state.mn.us or call 651-201-3980. Questions submitted by email are answered more quickly than questions left in voicemails.
- If you submitted the wrong information or forgot to include information when completing the online record request form, please call 651-201-3980.

³ <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/public.html>

We do not collect social security numbers. Requesters should not provide this information. Find more on data privacy and how immunization records get into MIIC at [Data Privacy and MIIC Records](#).⁴

Minors and Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccinations have been issued Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) only for individuals 16 and up. Minors under the age of 16 are not approved for COVID-19 vaccinations.⁵

Minnesota Statute, Section 144 governs minors consent for healthcare, including vaccinations. Minors ages 16 and 17 may receive vaccines with parental consent or in limited circumstances may provide consent for vaccines without their parents' or guardians' consent. Minors who live apart from parents and guardians and manage their finances, are married, or have children may be able to provide consent for healthcare decision including vaccinations.⁶ Find more information on minors consent at [Consent and Confidentiality in MN](#).

⁴ <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/records.html#request1>

⁵ <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions>

⁶ Minn. Stat. § 144.341 (2020).