

MANDATORY REPORTING OF PHARMACY VACCINATIONS TO CAIR

A new Board of Pharmacy [regulation](#) requires pharmacists to report the administration of any vaccine to an immunization registry within 14 days. The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) has created a “Pharmacies and CAIR” [website](#) with information on how to submit vaccination data to CAIR. The registry is operated by the California Department of Public Health.

Please note that pharmacies – not pharmacists – must be enrolled in CAIR to submit vaccination information. However, pharmacists are encouraged to enroll as individual users to be able to access patient immunization records.

There are two ways to submit data to CAIR:

- Electronically – The patient immunization data from your pharmacy management system (PMS) is extracted, reformatted and sent electronically to CAIR.
- Manually – Pharmacists enter immunization data directly into the CAIR interface.

Many large pharmacy chains are already submitting immunization data to CAIR electronically. Check with your organization to determine if it is already submitting data to CAIR.

Seven of the 10 CAIR regional registries are currently in the process of transitioning to a new registry system and software called CAIR2. This process should be completed by April 2017.

If a pharmacy operates within a region that is transitioning to CAIR2 and reports immunization data manually, the pharmacy will be allowed to defer reporting immunizations until its regional registry launches CAIR2. See the “CAIR Regions” [webpage](#) for counties in each region and the “CAIR2 Timeline” [webpage](#) for information on which regional registries are transitioning to CAIR2 and when they will transition.

The Board of Pharmacy, as discussed at its meeting on Oct. 26, 2016, agreed to use discretion in enforcing the 14-day reporting requirement against affected pharmacies during a registry transition to CAIR2.

QUESTIONS ABOUT USING CAIR: Pharmacists submitting data manually can contact the CAIR Help Desk at (800) 578-7889 or CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov. Questions regarding electronic submissions can be directed to CAIR Data Exchange staff at CAIRDataExchange@cdph.ca.gov.

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