

# Health eServices

# A Pilot Program to Make Collecting Immunization Records Easier for Schools

The Michigan Health Information Network (MiHIN) is starting a pilot program to **help schools and parents easily, electronically collect immunization records**. The program provides an online tool that finds and sends a child's immunization records to the desired recipient with one click!

NOTE: There is **no cost** for schools or families to participate in this pilot program.



# Collecting immunization records can be time-consuming for school staff and parents.

Michigan's Health eServices pilot program is recruiting Michigan schools to test online tools that help parents and students *quickly request and receive immunization records from the state*. This pilot program helps:

- Fulfill state immunization requirements for enrollment
- Obtain and **provide immunization records to the school** in a timely manner
- **Streamline staff process** for fulfilling Immunization Program Reporting Requirements
- **Stay informed** on which immunizations are due
- **Save parents time and money** to obtain information through office visits

### **About MiHIN**

MiHIN is a nonprofit created to build bridges and coordinate to share health information among Michigan's healthcare providers. From hospitals to pharmacies, and now to schools, MiHIN is creating the resources needed to make sure the electronic health records of Michigan citizens are available when needed.



#### **How Does It Work?**

An easy-to-add Health eServices button on your school's web portal connects directly to Michigan's health information network. Families use the tool to request and receive immunization records quickly from the state immunization registry and have them sent to your school.

#### Who Benefits from This Service?

#### Parents:

- Quickly, easily provide proof that a child has received required immunizations for 7th grade
- Avoid unnecessary trips and costs to obtain immunization information from a doctor's office or public health department

#### School administrative staff:

- Streamline receipt of immunization records to meet immunization reporting requirements tied to funding
- Greatly reduce effort spent reminding parents to bring in proof of immunization

## **What Does It Take To Participate?**

We know everyone is very busy, so it is MiHIN's goal to make the new process **as easy as possible** for the schools involved, through your existing school portal.

- MiHIN provides a software development care package to school web portal vendor
- Web portal vendor adds "Request Immunization Record" button to your school portal
- Vendor supplies parent/student accounts that meet state digital-identity standards
- Vendor allows parental accounts to view and print the record returned from the state

# How Do We Sign Up?

MiHIN is currently recruiting schools to participate in the Health eServices pilot program.

If you would like to learn more or speak directly with MiHIN about this opportunity, **please contact** Megan Herbst (megan.herbst@mihin.org) or Matt Stromer (matt.stromer@mihin.org).

#### **Meet Paula**

Paula loves
working as the
office manager at
Quiet Valley Middle
School. Her favorite parts
of each day are interacting
with the staff and
students.

There are still parts of Paula's job that can be frustrating. In previous years, she would have talked about collecting immunization records for enrollment. In February and November each year she could be found scrambling to collect those forms. She felt like she was bothering parents with numerous calls and reminder letters.

But since her school started the *Health eServices* pilot, the process is now painless for Paula and parents - little more than a click and sending the document to a printer. *It has truly been a game changer.* 



