



# HoosierVax Health: Vaccine Insights for Providers

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## Spotlight

### Fighting Illness this Fall

With the convergence of the flu, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) this fall, vaccines will play an important role in illness prevention. As trusted vaccine providers, your role in promoting and administering these vaccinations is crucial.

Now is the time to begin your preparations for this year's vaccination clinics. Take action now to secure an ample vaccine supply, train your staff on new vaccines and harness the power of reminder recalls and educational materials to reach out to your patients. Stressing the urgency of flu shots is paramount in safeguarding against these looming respiratory threats. With the added complexity of COVID-19 and RSV, proactive communication is essential. For the latest flu trends and resources, view the [Flu Dashboard](#).

In addition to the flu and COVID vaccines, this year the [FDA approved nirsevimab](#) (Beyfortus), a monoclonal antibody. This injection offers protection for infants and toddlers and peace of mind for parents ahead of the RSV season.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the nirsevimab planning checklist.

## Elevate Data Accuracy

### Report Adult Vaccinations to CHIRP

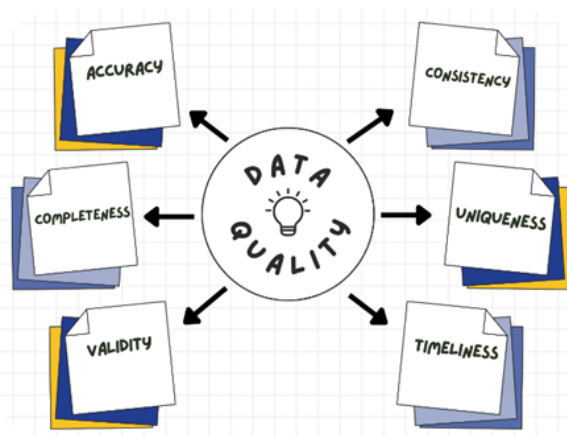
Consistently reporting adult vaccination administration to CHIRP, the Immunization Information System (IIS), is an important step in maintaining high quality data.

Accurate data in CHIRP allows healthcare providers and public health authorities to make informed decisions, address health disparities and swiftly respond to potential outbreaks. Your commitment to reporting adult vaccinations to CHIRP is a direct investment in the health and safety of our community and only requires a small change to the reporting process already in place for VFC eligible children. Together, we can build a robust shield against diseases and ensure that our collective efforts are rooted in data-driven excellence.

### Data Quality Tips

Data quality is how one measures a data set for accuracy, completeness, validity, consistency, uniqueness, timeliness and fitness. To ensure that data going into the immunization registry is up to date and accurate, keep in mind the following tips:

- 1) Select the correct patient
  - Search the first and last names and date of birth
  - Search the patient's legal name first, then try nicknames or previously used names. (Names could be transposed.)
  - Enter the Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) number for a direct match
- 2) Verify and update demographic information with each additional entry
  - Verify that the patient's name, full address (including county and zip code) and phone number are up to date
  - Select the patient's gender, race and ethnicity (do not leave blank)
  - Update the patient's guardian information, if under the age of 18.
- 3) Enter the patient's data and verify accuracy.
  - Save changes
  - Update the information at every visit



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## Vaccine Inventory

### Training Resources

To access training and resources on decrementation, and many more Indiana specific immunization topics, register as a [VFC User](#).

Once registered for the [learning management system](#) (LMS), the Vaccine Ordering Management System (VOMS) training module is available under the "Courses" tab on the left side of the web page. For additional help navigating the LMS, view the [LMS User Guide](#).

### Lot Decrementing Overview

Administered vaccinations decrement imported inventory, taking the following data into account:

- **Vaccine** - When inventory is imported for a specific CVX or CPT code, the logic first looks for a matching lot for that vaccine. If a matching lot is not found, the logic looks across the entire family for a matching lot.
- **Lot Number** - Lot number is a required field and must be present for inventory to decrement. Lot numbers are not case-sensitive.
- **Manufacturer**
- **Facility** - The location of the inventory is required. The Information Resources Management System (IRMS) is determined based on the user account importing the data. If the data is imported by a facility client user, the facility is still determined from the user account. However, the facility is generally sent as part of the vaccination record. If the inventory is defined at the facility level and the vaccination is not associated with a facility, the inventory does not decrement. If inventory accountability is maintained at the IRMS level and vaccinations are administered at the facility level.
- **Funding Source** - It is possible for the same lot number to exist in both public and private supply. An option can be selected to map vaccination VFC eligibility from patient reserve and/or through Administration -> Properties -> DTT.

Each of these has configurations and settings that affect decrementing. Since lot numbers do not overlap across manufacturers or vaccines, the manufacturer data is not required for decrementing. If a historical vaccination is submitted with lot details, the inventory is not decremented. Also, once a lot is marked as inactive, it no longer decrements.

Once the training is completed, contact the CHIRP Helpdesk at 1 (888) 227-4439 or [chirp@health.in.gov](mailto:chirp@health.in.gov) and request access to the Correct Decrementing function in VOMS Module to correct existing inventory lot issues.

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