



MASSACHUSETTS IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIIS)

Dear Parent,

We are pleased to inform you that our office is now participating in the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS). The MIIS is the new statewide, electronic registry that keeps track of your child's immunizations. This new system will help us keep complete and accurate records of the shots that your children get from any doctor or healthcare provider in Massachusetts. It was developed by the Immunization Program at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. We began to use the MIIS on July 18, 2016.

The MIIS will allow us to:

- keep all of your child's important immunization information together in one place for you and all of your child's healthcare providers;
- know which immunizations your child is due for and when;
- easily send reminders to you about your child's upcoming immunizations to help you in scheduling your child's next visit; and
- quickly print out the forms your child needs for school and camp to save you time each fall and summer.

Immunization registries like the MIIS help healthcare providers make sure that everyone is up-to-date on their immunizations to keep us all healthy and prevent the spread of harmful disease. The system has been created according to state law, which requires that healthcare providers who give immunizations report them to the MIIS. All information in the MIIS is kept confidential. You may choose to limit the providers who may see your child's immunization records in the MIIS. However, if you do choose to limit who can view your child's immunization history, we may be unable to give you a complete and accurate record of your child's immunizations. This means you must continue to keep track of this information on your own.

The next time you are in our office, you will receive more information about the MIIS and we will be happy to answer your questions. You may also visit the MIIS website at www.mass.gov/dph/miis, or contact the Massachusetts Immunization Program directly at 617-983-6800 or 888-658-2850.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at their next appointment!

Sincerely,
Dr. Bakshi