

Comal County Office of Public Health



Making sure your children are appropriately immunized is one of the most important things we can do to protect their health.

Comal County is dedicated to children's health and ensuring they are free of vaccine-preventable disease.



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ImmTrac is the State of Texas' Immunization Registry for children aged 0-18 years.

ImmTrac is a secure, confidential database that stores all immunization information electronically. Only authorized professionals such as physicians, school nurses and public health departments may access and update immunization information.

PURPOSE:

- ImmTrac was implemented for the best interests of Texas children.
- It is a free service that has been designed to help children receive the right vaccinations at the appropriate time.
- This service plays an important role in protecting children from many dangerous and preventable diseases; it also helps in avoiding unnecessary shots due to incomplete immunization records.

Through ImmTrac, we will be able to safely and securely maintain shot records for all registered children. Our purpose is to ensure that parents will have accurate and updated immunization records at no cost to them. As an immunization registry, ImmTrac will greatly aid in the continuation of stopping vaccine preventable diseases.

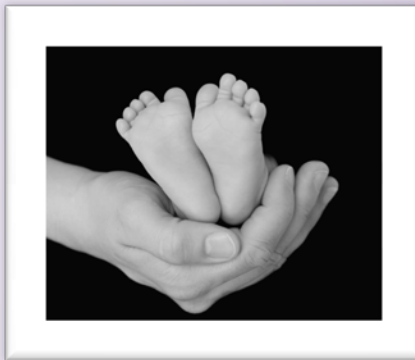
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

❖ How Does ImmTrac Work?

When a healthcare provider gives your child an immunization and you have consented to registration in ImmTrac, your healthcare provider will report any shots given. ImmTrac will only accept immunization information for registered children only. This means that if you have not consented to registering your child in ImmTrac, no shots will be reported.

❖ How Does ImmTrac Benefit My Child?

Providers authorized to use ImmTrac can see what immunizations your child has received and what immunizations your child still needs, regardless of the city or county in Texas where it was administered. So, if you've moved to a new city or are at a new doctor's office within the state, the new physician's office there will be able to review what shots were previously administered. This can prevent over and under vaccination and assists you in the event that a shot record has been lost or misplaced.



❖ How Will ImmTrac Protect My Child's Privacy?

ImmTrac is a confidential and secure immunization data registry. Each child is given a unique identification number and no social security numbers are ever used. It has been developed to ensure only authorized professionals with accepted permissions will be able to view any child's immunization information.

❖ How Can I Register My Child?

Registration is simple and takes only a few moments. You may register your child one of three ways:

- 1) Hospital: At birth, you as the parent have the option to include your child in ImmTrac.
- 2) Provider: Inquire at your doctor's office to see if your child had previously been registered at birth. If not, your provider may assist you in the registration process.
- 3) Local Health Department: Feel free to contact the Comal County Public Health Department to register your child.

❖ Who May I Speak To At Comal County For More Information?

Should you have any questions or would like to register your child in ImmTrac, please call an ImmTrac Specialist at (830) 221-1100. If you would like, you may email inquires, cradyj@co.comal.tx.us or garcir@co.comal.tx.us .

HELPFUL LINKS:

- Immunization Registry (ImmTrac)
Consent Form (C-7):
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/c-7.pdf>
- "Keep Track of your Child's Vaccines with ImmTrac" - informative video for parents:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/immtrac/video/immtracvideo.shtm>
- Department of State Health Services:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/default.shtm>
- Centers for Disease Control:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>

