



Child Care Providers Immunization Survey to Begin

Immunizations are an important part of a healthy community, protecting us from infectious diseases such as the measles or pertussis. Infants and young children are some of the most vulnerable members of our communities and it is critical that we protect them through immunization. As part of that effort, each year licensed and registered child care providers in Vermont are required to report the immunization status of babies and children in their care to the Vermont Department of Health (VDH).

The Child Care Immunization Status Report does not contain any specific information about individual children, but collects data from child care providers about children enrolled at their licensed or registered child care or pre-kindergarten facility. This information, collected in a survey format, allows the VDH to determine the risk of vaccine preventable diseases in the child care environment and to assist providers, parents, and staff in the event of a disease outbreak in a facility.

Child care and pre-kindergarten providers will receive a personalized email with instructions on completion of the survey after October 1, 2012. Providers with questions about the survey should contact the Vermont Department of Health Immunization Program for assistance at: ImmunizationProgram@state.vt.us or call toll free in Vermont at 1-800-640-437. Providers can access the Immunization Regulations for Child Care Entry section of the Immunization Program website for the Child Care Provider's Manual, information for parents, and other resources: <http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/ChildCareEntry.aspx>.