

# The Kentucky Immunization Registry

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# The Kentucky Immunization Registry is an IIS

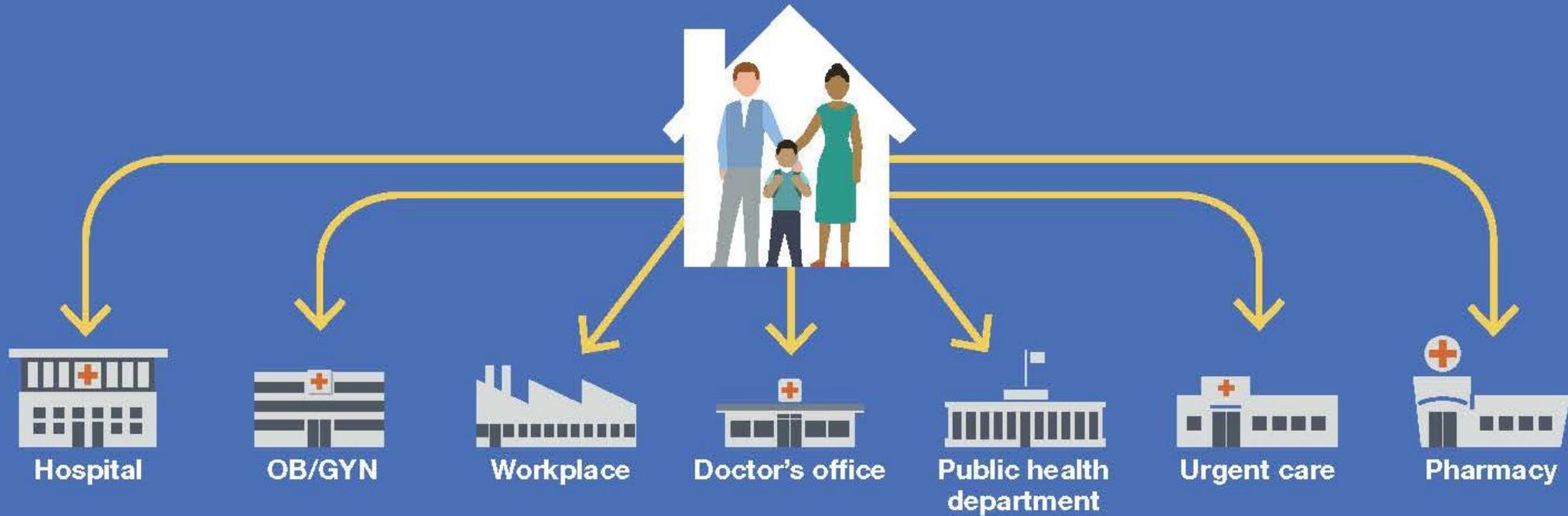
- Statewide Immunization Information System (IIS)
- Information system that houses immunization data on Kentucky residents across-the-lifespan record keeping (birth to death)
- Allows providers the ability to access and retrieve immunization records prior to or at the time of a scheduled appointment.
- Includes standard tools like
  - Patient immunization histories
  - Dose forecasting according to ACIP recommendations,
  - Reminder-recall
  - Official immunization records.

# Information within KYIR

- KYIR receives immunization data from all immunizing partners across the state
  - Hospitals
  - Pharmacies
  - Health Departments
  - Clinics
- Via the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE), KYIR receives and processes electronic immunization information in real time.
- Immunizations manually entered directly into the registry (by providers without an EHR or who aren't compatible with KHIE)
- Newborns are enrolled in KYIR within 10 days of birth through a daily data feed from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Vital Records Department.
- **Combines individual immunization information into a single, accurate record**

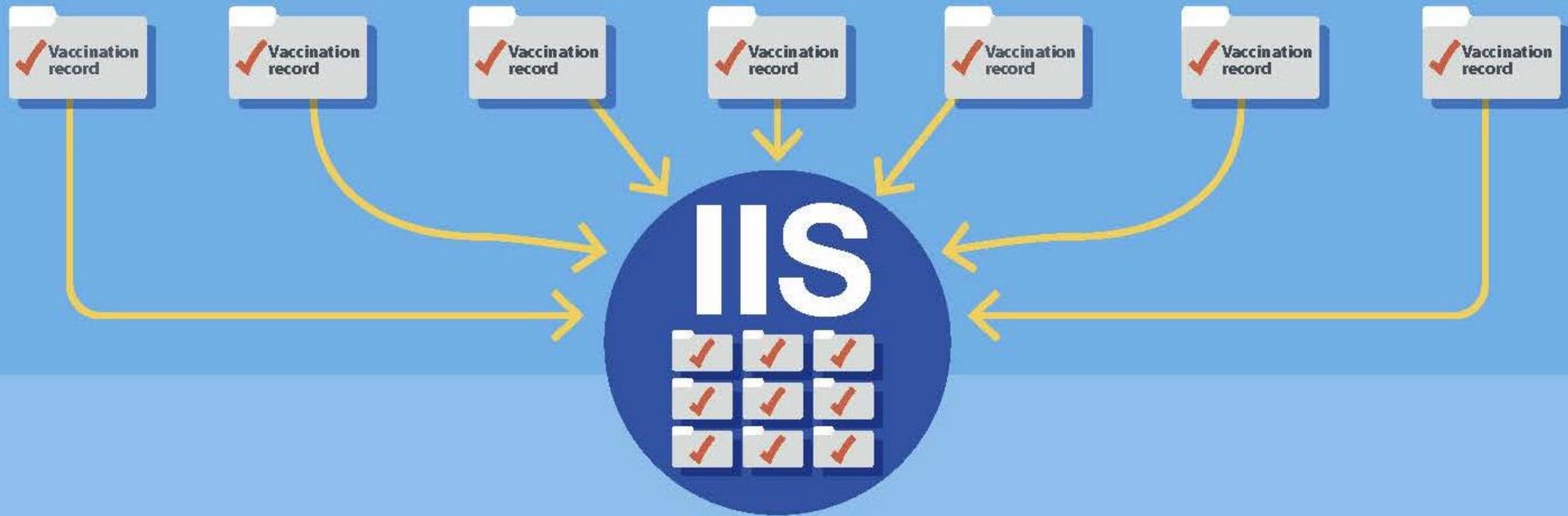
# How IIS Works

People receive vaccinations from a variety of places



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These sources send vaccination records to state or city IIS



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IISs provide records to patients and authorized professionals



**Parents and general public** use the information to enroll children in schools and day care and to determine if they need vaccinations.

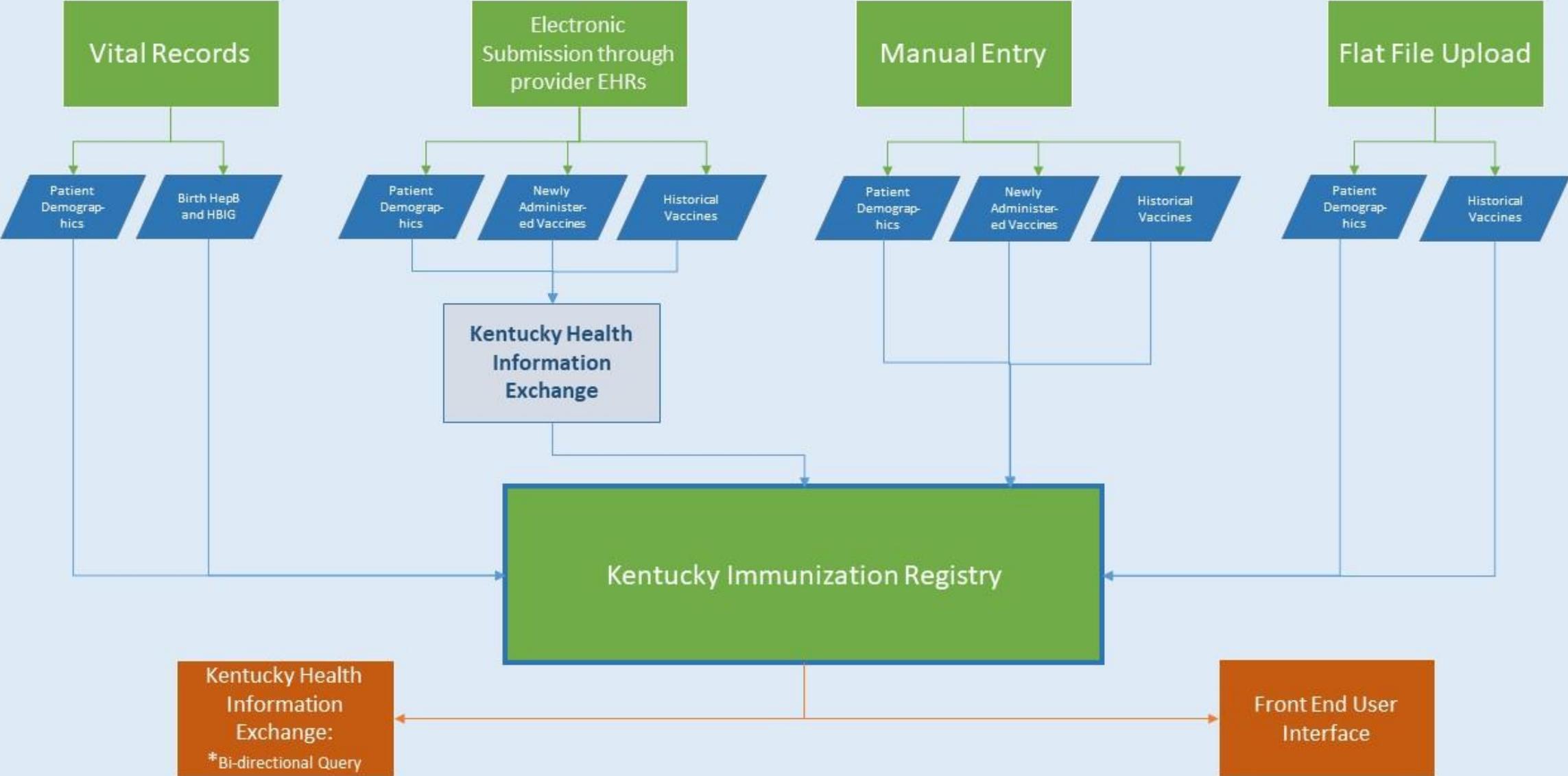


**Doctors and health care providers** use IISs to determine which vaccinations are needed and to care for patients.



**Public health** uses the information to develop programs that increase vaccination coverage and decrease the harm caused by vaccine-preventable diseases.

# KYIR Data Flow



# 1 Provides Consolidated Records

Comprehensive records containing immunizations administered at a previous provider office, hospital, pharmacy or school clinic give healthcare providers the full story, preventing patients from receiving too many or too few vaccines.



# 3 Minimizes Waste

Ensures every vaccine is accounted for and prevents the administration of unnecessary doses of vaccines.



# 2 Manages Vaccine Inventory

Vaccine ordering, tracking, and administration are all managed in one tool.



# 4 Forecasts Immunizations

Helpful alerts notify providers to assist with clinical decisions and management of the complex immunization schedule.



# 5 Reminds Patients of Due Dates

Automated reminders promote on-time vaccinations.



# 6 Spotlights Areas of Need

Population-level vaccine coverage data provides a clear view of communities at risk.



# 7 Expedites Response in an Outbreak

Insights into vaccination status set the stage for effective outbreak response.



# How KYIR Promotes Health

- At the *point of clinical care*, KYIR can provide consolidated immunization histories for use by a vaccination provider in determining appropriate client vaccinations
- At the *population level*, an immunization registry provides aggregate data on vaccinations for use in surveillance and program operations, and in guiding public health action with the goals of improving vaccination rates and reducing vaccine-preventable disease.

# How KYIR Supports Communities (delete)

- Connects people with information
- Promotes comprehensive immunization records
- Encourages accuracy in timing and dosage
- Increases visibility into areas of need
- Facilitates public health response in the event of an outbreak

# KYIR Features

- Vaccine Forecasting
- Certificate Printing for School Entry
- Reminder/Recall
- Vaccine Coverage Assessment
- Inventory Management
- Ad Hoc Reports
  - Immunization Rates
  - Patients Counts by Age and Insurance Source
  - Missed Opportunities
  - Invalid Doses

# Vaccine Forecasting in KYIR

- Immunization evaluation and forecasting is a tool that delivers critical and timely information to clinicians and public health to support patient care and improve the immunity of individuals and populations.
  - KYIR uses evaluation and forecasting systems to evaluate a patient's record by comparing immunization history with the recommended immunizations over time.
  - The system also builds a forecast which can recommend current and future immunizations and deliver these recommendations to clinicians at the point of care.
- This functionality leverages complex immunization schedules to create a valuable tool for immunization clinical decision support.
- Software recommends needed vaccines according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines.

# Access to Patient Immunization Certificates, Records, and COVID-19 Vaccine Record

- Users have access to print official patient immunization records from KYIR
  - Official immunization certificate for school entry
    - Ages 18>
  - Official Kentucky Immunization Records
    - All ages
    - Includes vaccines of all types (travel, not just standard)
  - COVID-19 Specific Immunization Record
    - Does not replace CDC issued vaccine card.
    - COVID records will include a QR code for mobile vaccine passports
- Does not require a signature if printed from KYIR

# Inventory Ordering and Management

- KYIR is required for providers participating in the Kentucky Vaccines for Children (VFC), Adult Vaccine (317), and COVID-19 Vaccine Programs
- Providers must be connected to KYIR in order, receive and document administration of State or Federal vaccine.
- KYIR is connected to the CDC software platform (Vtrks) for ordering, tracking and documenting doses.
  
- Enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccine program here
  - <https://govstatus.egov.com/kentucky-vaccine-provider>
- Learn about enrolling in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program here
  - <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/Pages/vfc.aspx>

# Reminder/Recall

- **Reminder/Recall** is the process of identifying under-immunized patients and/or patients who will soon be due for immunizations and bring them back into a clinical setting to ensure that they will receive the doses that they need.
- Use of reminder-recall system to identify patients who are due (reminder) or past due (recall) for immunizations
  - Feature available within some electronic health record systems or free within the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR)
  - KYIR will generate report of identified individuals along with address and telephone number for the individual. Also has functionality to print address labels from the report results

# Role of Reminder/Recall During a Pandemic

- When a vaccine is released, reminder/recall systems will identify individuals due or past due for a series dose
  - All doses within a vaccine series must be administered within a certain timeframe to provide proper protection
  - Educational messages can be included with the reminder/recall
- Proven studies have show vaccination coverage rates can increase by up to 30% with the use of reminder/recall systems<sub>1</sub>
- Promote the coverage rate of influenza to minimize burden on the healthcare system

# Benefits to Enrolling in KYIR

- Free access to a statewide immunization information system (IIS)
- Allows you to search statewide for immunization records for patients of all ages
- Simplifies researching immunization status
- Providers are able to print official records from KYIR for patients
- Identifies vaccines that are due, coming due, or overdue based on the patient's age and immunization status using Advisory Committee Practices (ACIP) logic
- Help vaccinate your community by providing patients with convenient access to immunization services

# Who can utilize KYIR?

- Clinicians
- Public health immunizing Facilities
- Other public health programs
- Pharmacies
- Schools and child-care
- Insurers
- Individuals and families

# Help Keep Your Community Safe

## PATIENT-LEVEL IMPACT



### ANSWERS THE QUESTION:

"Is a patient up-to-date on their immunizations? When are their next ones due?"



## POPULATION-LEVEL IMPACT



### ANSWERS THE QUESTION:

"What percentage of a population is up-to-date on their immunizations?"



- Providers have the opportunity to provide easy access to immunizations and their services can increase coverage rates, particularly for at-risk and under-served populations whom traditional health providers are unable to reach
- Be the solution to increasing adolescent vaccine rates by vaccinating adolescents ages 10-19 and keeping Kentuckians vaccine-healthy
- How KYIR helps in response to outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases
  - The ability to retrieve data from a consolidated record help health officials determine needs and risk levels in order to take quicker and more effective action.
- Practice a strong recommendation for the flu shot this season. Avoid vaccine-preventable illnesses during the pandemic.

# Enrolling in KYIR

- Complete the enrollment forms. Once received, KYIR staff will create your user accounts within 10 days and notify you with your username and temporary password.
- Enrollment forms are located on our website:  
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/idb/Pages/kyir.aspx>
  - [KYIR Enrollment Form](#)-complete one per clinic (each individual site)
  - [KYIR User Confidentiality Agreement](#)-complete one per clinic (CVS) – Business agreement
  - [CHFS 219](#)- every person needing a username and password into the system needs to complete one of these forms
- While a connection to KHIE is beneficial, it is not required.
- Any COVID vaccine administered will have to be reported to us through the registry so KHIE beneficial so you don't have to manually record every dose
  - Information on connecting to KHIE is at [www.khie.ky.gov](http://www.khie.ky.gov).

# Kentucky Immunization Registry Helpdesk

**Contact us!**

**KYIR Helpdesk**

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Helpdesk Email Hours

Monday – Friday: 8am – 4 pm

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Friday: 8am – 12 pm

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- KYIR Training Information and Resources
  - <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/idb/Pages/kyirtrain.aspx>

# Thank you!

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