

Alabama

Vaccination Surveillance System

State	Statute/ Rule	Language Specific to Surveillance System	Exemption	Data Sharing	Consent Required?	Dissent Allowed?
AL	<p>STATUTE: Code of Alabama, Section 22-11B-1 to 22-11B-4</p> <p>RULE: A.A.C. Chapter 420-6-2</p>	<p>Section 22-11B-1 — Health care providers upon request required to give immunization status of patients.</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding any of the confidentiality provisions in Chapter 11A of this title, or any other provisions of law, every public and private health care provider shall, upon request of the persons or entities herein identified, provide information concerning the immunization status of any patient in accordance with rules promulgated by the State Board of Health...</p>	<p>420-6-2-.03 Exchange Of Immunization Information...</p> <p>(5) Health care providers are strongly encouraged to submit data to the immunization registry, and immunization data users are strongly encouraged to access the immunization registry as a preferred means to exchange immunization data.</p>	<p>Section 22-11B-4 — Limited immunity of person or entity providing information.</p> <p>All persons, firms, corporations, or other public or private entities and all officers, agents, servants, or employees who provide information for exchange in good faith pursuant to this chapter shall be immune from civil and criminal liability for those actions and no cause of action shall be created by their acts or omissions hereunder.</p>	NO	NO

		<p>Section 22-11B-2 — Immunization registry. Pursuant to and in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter, the State Board of Health is authorized to create and maintain an immunization registry. The immunization registry is the central collection of data and reports concerning a vaccine dose or doses administered to a person by a provider. The nature of the immunization information contained in this registry shall be determined by rule of the State Board of Health and shall be obtained from clinic records, billing data and information, and vital or any other records owned and controlled by the State Board of Health and the Alabama Medicaid Agency. Medical insurers and public and private providers are authorized and encouraged to provide information to the registry.</p>		<p>420-6-2-.04 Access To The Immunization Registry... (3) By memoranda of understanding, the department may permit electronic access to the immunization registry via computer systems operated by other immunization data users.</p> <p>420-6-2-.06 Permitted Uses Of The Immunization Registry... (5) The department may conduct surveys to identify children and geographic areas that represent underserved areas of need. Researchers may submit proposals to receive immunization registry data, but such provided data shall not identify individual patients, health care providers, or health care insurers.</p>		
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		<p>420-6-2-.01 Definitions... (3) Immunization registry means the statewide, centralized computerized database created, owned, and maintained by the department and which contains immunization information consisting of identifying, locating, and immunization data about former or current Alabama residents.</p>		<p>Data may be provided in the form of paper reports and summaries or electronic files. The department will establish procedures to evaluate the suitability of research proposals. The department will consider such requests in light of its capacity and resources to respond.</p>		
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