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Vaccination Surveillance Systems

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

The CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has a new report called, “Progress in Immunization Information Systems.” It discusses 50 state vaccination registries, plus the registries of 6 major cities, including Washington, D.C.

Doctors and hospitals send child vaccination data to government vaccination tracking systems. The data shared includes, child’s name, birthdate, sex, race, ethnicity, birth order, state, country, mother’s name, and vaccine information.

The CDC says the number of provider sites electronically sending vaccination information directly to a government database increased from 1,848 in 2008 to 3,618 in 2009. Check if your state will let you opt-out.

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