

SHOTStracker



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Improve Immunization Levels. Reduce Paperwork.

How? Enroll as an active user in Florida SHOTS today! It's fast, easy, and free.

If your office has been looking for a way to simplify immunization recordkeeping, you've found the solution. Florida SHOTS offers free access to an online statewide immunization database to medical offices across Florida.

SHOTS Tracker will be coming to you monthly with this primary goal in mind: demonstrate to you that your office and your patients will benefit from being a part of Florida SHOTS. And ultimately, by working together, we will make strides toward eliminating vaccine-preventable diseases in the state of Florida. Now that's a goal worth striving for!



What Is Florida SHOTS?

Florida SHOTS (State Health Online Tracking System) is a free, statewide, electronic immunization registry that helps health care providers and parents keep track of immunization records. Keeping track of immunization records helps ensure that children receive all vaccinations needed to protect them from dangerous vaccine-preventable diseases. The Florida SHOTS immunization registry:

- Makes required immunization records for child care centers and school attendance easy to locate and generate
- Helps interpret complex immunization schedules, while keeping track of immunization records
- Will soon help manage vaccine inventories and generate reminder recalls
- Allows authorized users to search the system to find a patient's immunization history
- Allows authorized users to access confidential immunization information via a secure server to check immunization status, update information in the system, and register new patients
- Offers immunization forecasting that allows you to easily determine the immunizations a child needs based on past immunization history, age, and medical conditions
- Is accessed via the Internet, through Florida SHOTS' Web-based system (requires Microsoft Internet Explorer browser, version 5.5 or above, with Java and cookies enabled)

For more specifics about Florida SHOTS, call (877) 888-SHOT, or send an email with your questions to the help desk at flshots@doh.state.fl.us.



Florida SHOTS user Patty Kitchens, R.N.
North Florida Pediatric Associates

What Are Other Health Care Professionals Saying About Florida SHOTS?

It's always nice to know that others who walk daily in your professional shoes are finding that the program delivers the benefits we're talking about. So each month we'll share with you what some of our users are saying about Florida SHOTS. Cheryl Runyon, R.N., nursing supervisor for University of Florida Pediatric Primary Clinic, writes:

"I would like you to know how much I appreciate the speed that you answer my questions and the fact that everyone is so very helpful.

I have found this year to be the easiest as far as getting the 680s completed and to the parents for school registration. I really feel that Florida Shots has made a tremendous difference in the workload for the staff here.

I do a lot of the input myself and I have found it to really increase my efficiency. We have parents who lose the blue 680 forms or ask for them on a monthly basis. It was always very time consuming to have to rewrite these forms. Now it is all on the computer and as easy as a few keystrokes and out comes the 680 from the printer.

Florida SHOTS is extremely useful when we have new patients and need to find out the past immunization history. Rather than calling the Health Department and spending time on hold, waiting for the fax to come if there are past records, now all we do is check Florida SHOTS.

The Florida SHOTS' staff has been very open to any suggestions on ways to make the system easier to use and more user friendly. It is nice to have someone to contact when we need assistance."

What's in It for You?

How many times has your office filled out multiple copies of the blue 680 form for a parent who can't seem to keep track of it? How long have you or other staff members waited on hold with the Health Department while they accessed a patient's records? Enrollment in Florida SHOTS provides all kinds of benefits to you and your office:

- Rapid record access—24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Automatic forecast of the next required immunization
- Immediate identification of contraindications previously reported to the registry
- Automated standard forms such as those used for the legal immunization records
- Automated reminder and recall notices for parents whose children are due or past due for immunizations
- Access to the most recent recommendations for childhood immunizations
- Best of all, the program is free and easy to use!

What's in It for Your Patients?

Have you ever given an immunization to a patient whose parent just couldn't remember whether his or her child had already received that particular shot? Preventing over-immunization is just one of the benefits for your patients. Others include:

- Consolidated immunization records—reduces the need to obtain records from several providers
- Fewer missed opportunities to immunize
- Allows emergency rooms access to a patient's immunization status
- Provides reminder/recall for parents
- Provides better protection for children through increased immunization levels



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Who's the Team Behind Florida SHOTS?



We're here to support you!
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Florida SHOTS is part of Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Immunization. A full-time staff in Tallahassee supports the program as well as statewide trainers and regional coordinators who are dedicated to helping you, your office, and your patients enjoy all the benefits of an online registry. Susan Lincicome, Florida SHOTS' director, writes:

"As director of Florida SHOTS, the statewide immunization registry, I have been a part of system development from the time of a mere conceptual vision of electronic childhood immunization records to system implementation. The system is now in full production and we are on the verge of maximizing system usage as a tool to help increase childhood immunization levels in Florida.

"This is the most exciting time for the project team, and the entire Florida SHOTS staff is firmly committed to project success through ongoing public and private partnerships for system participation that benefits health care providers, children, and parents. Our team shares a clear vision for providing a quality product, customer service, and training and ongoing support to system users. This is how we ensure success."

"There is nothing more important than preventive health care, and it is very rewarding to be part of a project that will have a positive impact on public health and particularly our most vulnerable population and valuable resource—very young children."

FLORIDA SHOTS ENROLLMENT: FAST, EASY, FREE.

How Do I Enroll in Florida SHOTS?

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So many enrollment options... and they're all FREE!

- YES, please contact me to schedule a visit with a regional coordinator to enroll in Florida SHOTS.
- Sign me up for electronic copies of *SHOTS Tracker*.

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Easy Enrollment Form

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