

## How can patients benefit from LINKS?

- ❖ Get easy access to records needed for school, work and volunteer opportunities
- ❖ Receive automatic reminders to help keep you and your family's immunizations on schedule
- ❖ Reduce time from missing school or work from taking unnecessary immunizations
- ❖ Lets your doctor know what vaccines are recommended based on your age

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## LOUISIANA IMMUNIZATION NETWORK SYSTEM

A confidential computer-based system that helps you and your doctor keep track of your immunization history





## WHAT IS LINKS?

LINKS is a statewide computer-based system designed to keep track of immunization records for your patients. Records from multiple providers will consolidate into one comprehensive record.

This web application allows doctors, nurses and other health professionals to search for their patients' vaccination records in a central location. In addition, authorized users can add and edit patient records and vaccination records, as well as maintain facility, physician, and lot number data.

## HOW CAN PROVIDERS BENEFIT FROM LINKS?

- ❖ Immediate immunization records for new patients
- ❖ Decrease staff time spent retrieving immunization records
- ❖ Avoid missed opportunities to give needed vaccinations
- ❖ Fewer missed appointments with reminder cards and letters
- ❖ Identify coverage gaps and offering more streamlined data reporting at the provider and state levels, improving vaccination rates



## HOW CAN PROVIDERS BENEFIT FROM LINKS? (CONT')

- ❖ Reduce costs of unnecessary immunizations
- ❖ Identify vulnerable patients during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable infection
- ❖ Improve patient immunization rates and Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) scores

**2019 ACT 192 PREFILED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 2(A)(4)(B)(I) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF LOUISIANA**

**PURPOSE: THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PARISH HEALTH UNITS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH IMMUNIZATION REGISTRIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE IMMUNIZATION RATES OF THE STATE'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASES AT WHICH THE IMMUNIZATIONS ARE DIRECTED**