



Immunisation records and the Immunisation Certificate

Your doctor or nurse will keep a record of the immunisations your child has been given. The information is also held on the National Immunisation Register (NIR).

The immunisation is recorded on the Immunisation Certificate in your child's Well Child Tamariki Ora My Health Book. You will be asked for the Immunisation Certificate when your child starts at an early childcare service, kōhanga reo or primary school. The certificate shows which childhood immunisations your child has had. Your doctor or nurse signs the certificate when they give your child the 15-month-old immunisations and again after the 4-year-old immunisations.

You will be asked to produce a signed certificate even if you have decided not to have your child immunised. Your doctor or nurse can sign the certificate at any time. Children can still attend an early childcare service or school if they have not been immunised.

How is the Immunisation Certificate used?

The early childcare service or school will record the information from your child's Immunisation Certificate on their immunisation register. You can check this at any time.

The Medical Officer of Health will check the early childcare and school registers if there is a threat or outbreak of a disease in your area. Children who have not been immunised will be offered immunisation. They may also be asked to stay at home until the disease threat has gone to help it stop spreading.

If you are unable to provide an Immunisation Certificate our Public Health Nurse can access this information for you

I give permission for the Public Health Nurse to access and share immunisation status with us (parents/caregivers of the child) and their school

Child's name.....

Child's date of birth.....

Parent/caregiver name.....

Parent/caregiver signature.....