

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Meaningful Use Measures for Public Health: Immunization Registries

### **1. What is needed to meet the Stage 1 measures for Immunization Registries?**

Any medical facility interested in sending test data to ODH should create an account at [www.OhioPublicHealthReporting.info](http://www.OhioPublicHealthReporting.info) before the end of their reporting period. After registration, you will be able to submit a test file according to [these instructions](#). If the initial message does not fail, a subsequent submission is required.

### **2. Does my facility need to be sending production data for public health measures by the end of the reporting period to meet Meaningful Use Stage 2?**

No. Ongoing submission is one of the four ways to meet the Stage 2 Meaningful Use public health reporting requirements. If a facility is awaiting an invitation from ODH or is currently working with ODH on testing and validation, the measure is met. The EH or EP must attest YES to meeting one of the following criteria under the umbrella of ongoing submission.

1. Ongoing submission was already achieved for an electronic health record (EHR) reporting period in a prior year and continues throughout the current EHR reporting period.
2. Registration with ODH of intent to initiate ongoing submission was made by the deadline (within 60 days of the start of the EHR reporting period) and ongoing submission was achieved during the reporting period.
3. Registration of intent to initiate ongoing submission was made by the deadline and the eligible professional (EP) or hospital is still engaged in testing and validation of ongoing electronic submission.
4. Registration of intent to initiate ongoing submission was made by the deadline and the EP or hospital is awaiting invitation from ODH to begin testing and validation.

### **3. If my facility is not sending production data by the end of the first year of Stage 2 Meaningful Use because we are awaiting an invitation from ODH or we are in the testing and validation stage, do I need to re-register intent for the second year of Stage 2 Meaningful Use?**

No. ODH does not require facilities to re-register intent for any subsequent reporting period. Meaningful Use requires EHs and EPs to register intent before the 60<sup>th</sup> day of the reporting period. Registering intent in a previous reporting period is before the 60<sup>th</sup> day of the current reporting period.

### **4. When will ODH invite my facility to begin the testing and validation stage?**

This depends on several factors, including the volume of health events that will be sent to us through your connection, the way that you will transport the data to us, and the degree of familiarity we have in working with your EHR.

### **5. We do not administer immunizations at my facility. Do I need to send a test file?**

No, EPs and hospitals not administering immunizations during the reporting period are excluded from that measure.

### **6. Which patients and which immunizations are required by ODH's immunization registry?**

There is no mandate to report to ODH's immunization registry. The immunization registry contains immunization histories for patients of all ages and accepts all vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/index.html>. These include immunizations against influenza and pneumonia.

### **7. What information do I need to send?**

Documentation about our requirements, CDC standards, the onboarding process, and ways to connect to us are found here: <https://www.ohiopublichealthreporting.info/Enrollment/Programs/Immunizations>



**8. If we began sending data to ImpactSIIS before 2014, do I need to upgrade to HL7 version 2.5.1?**

No, we will continue to accept earlier versions of HL7, but we will work with you to upgrade if you need to send from a different product because the older one is not Meaningful Use certified.

**9. Do I need consent to send immunization data?**

If you send information about an immunization to the ODH immunization registry, ODH assumes that you have authorization from the patient to send the information to the ODH immunization registry, and that you have informed the patient in a manner approved by ODH. Patients who do not want any of their data made available to other providers can complete a form and send it to us, and we will remove their data.

**10. Do I need to send immunization refusals?**

There is no mandate to report to ODH's immunization registry, but we can load refusals, contraindications, and immunity if sent to us according to CDC standards.

**11. Do I need to send historical immunization data?**

There is no mandate to report to ODH's immunization registry, but we can load historical data if sent to us according to CDC standards. Note that this requires the exact date the vaccine was administered.

