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iCare Providers: Please help capture an accurate assessment of COVID vaccination rates in Wisconsin. This data allows the state to improve outreach, dedicate resources and improve public health and safety.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is asking **providers to enter their patients' COVID-19 vaccinations in the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) even when they did not administer the vaccine.** To assist, following are some helpful hints:

- The patient should provide a valid vaccination card with dates and lot numbers.
- If your Electronic Health Records flows to WIR you can enter it there using your usual workflow.
- Please do not direct patients to the WIR HelpDesk. The HelpDesk is unable to enter vaccinations.
- A direct link to the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR): [Health Care Providers and Local Health Departments | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)

In a recent webinar, DHS has stated — Past Webinars -> 10/5/21 Webinar -> Minute: 21:16:

WIR Record Updates

- It is the provider's responsibility to update a client record in WIR whether or not they administered the vaccine in question
- DHS can not validate and update client records
 - Includes both vaccine and patient demographic records
 - Please do not refer clients to the WIR Help Desk for this service

For your reference, DHS' request can be found [here](#).

Please remember that COVID and Influenza vaccines can be administered at the same time. Helpful links:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/season/faq-flu-season-2021-2022.htm>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html>

Thank you for your assistance. Working together we can Stop the Spread!



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Help spread the word! Please forward this email to others in your organization who need this information.



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