People receive vaccinations from a variety of places:
- Hospital
- OB/GYN
- Workplace
- Doctor's office
- Public health department
- Urgent care
- Pharmacy

These sources send vaccination records to state or city IIS.

IISs provide records to patients and authorized professionals:
- Parents and general public use the information to enroll children in schools and day care and to determine if they need vaccinations.
- Doctors and health care providers use IISs to determine which vaccinations are needed and to care for patients.
- Public health uses the information to develop programs that increase vaccination coverage and decrease the harm caused by vaccine-preventable diseases.

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