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Oregon Legislative Update

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Topics to Cover

- AIRA – Scope as a Member Organization
 - Consumer Access and Vaccine Credentialing
 - Support of the SMART Health Cards Framework
 - Questions/Discussion
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AIRA's Role as a Member Organization

Mission: Promote and support the use of immunization information to ensure healthy communities



Collaboration

Work across members and partners to develop standards, best practices, and strategies



Measurement

Develop and implement measures to assess IIS alignment with standards



Support

Support IIS and immunization programs through education, targeted assistance, and advocacy



Immunization Information Systems are...

confidential, population-based, computerized databases that consolidate all immunization doses administered by participating providers to persons residing within a given geopolitical area

Purpose

- Support clinical decisions at the point of care
- Support the functions of immunization programs



Every State Operates an IIS

IIS are also located in:

- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Washington D.C.
- San Diego
- San Joaquin County (RIDE)

- American Samoa
- Guam
- Marshall Islands
- Micronesia
- North Mariana Islands
- Palau
- Puerto Rico
- U.S. Virgin Islands

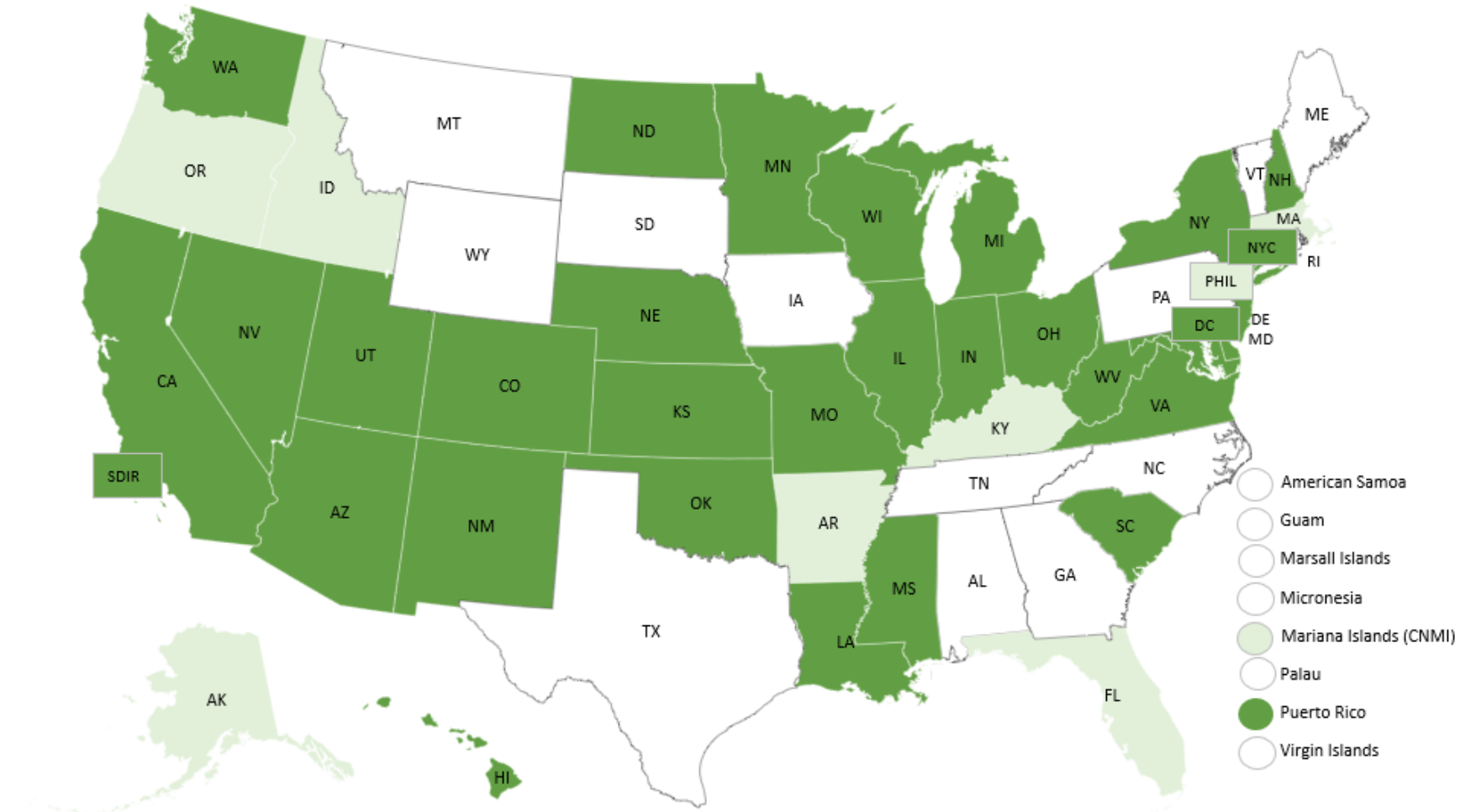


Access to Vaccine Records

- The concept of individuals needing access to their (or their family members') immunization records is not new
 - Employment
 - School
 - Summer camp
 - Travel
- Consumer need to show proof of vaccination has increased substantially during COVID-19 vaccination response
- How can technology help us do this more securely, efficiently, equitably?

Jurisdictions Offering Consumer Access

■ Yes □ No/No Response ■ Planning



Information gathered through telephone outreach to members, Fall 2021



Quick Definitions

- **Consumer Access:** the process of offering individuals direct access to their own immunization records and, in some cases, their family members' immunization records.
- **Digital Vaccine Credentials:** a more secure way to demonstrate a person's vaccination status, generally through a smartphone app or a QR code that can be on a screen or printed.
- **SMART Health Cards Framework:** an open source, non-proprietary standard for accessing and delivering digital vaccine credentials.



What Are SMART Health Cards, and Why Are They Important

- SMART Health Cards are paper or digital versions of your clinical information, such as vaccination history, securely stored in a QR code.
- They allow you to keep a copy of your records on hand and easily share this information with others if you choose.
- Some IIS generate them directly, while others use a third party to do so.

SMART® Health Cards Framework



AIRA's Statement on Supporting the SMART Health Cards Framework

- AIRA and its members strongly encourage Immunization Programs and Immunization Information Systems (IIS) to **explore and, where allowed by local law and policy, adopt SMART Health Cards** for providing consumer access to vaccination records.
- SMART Health Cards have been embraced by VCI™, a voluntary coalition of public and private organizations committed to empowering individuals' access to a trustworthy and verifiable copy of their vaccination records in **digital or paper form** using **open, interoperable standards**. VCI leads development and implementation of the SMART Health Cards Framework, **a non-proprietary approach** for accelerating access to immunization records. AIRA, as well as several member and partner organizations, have signed on as VCI partners, with the belief that **IIS can and should play a significant role as issuers of digital or paper vaccine credentials**, and that broader consumer access to immunization information **supports health equity** and empowers individuals to share their health information as they choose.
- This recommendation **does not preclude or prohibit IIS from providing more than one model** for access to immunization records, but rather encourages adoption of SMART Health Cards as one common method across IIS where possible.

Available on AIRA's Repository: <https://repository.immregistries.org/resource/aira-statement-of-support-smart-health-cards/>



Vaccine Credentialing and the SMART[®] Health Cards Framework - Status

- At least nine jurisdictions offer SMART Health Cards
 - California, Hawaii, Louisiana, New York State, Virginia, Utah, New Jersey, Washington, Puerto Rico
- More than 20 jurisdictions are working on implementing this functionality soon*
 - 10 STChhealth MyIR Users
 - Up to 19 Envision Platform Users
 - Several additional states (including Oregon)
- Many other states are exploring their options

**some states have the technology, but their policy does not allow QR codes, consumer access, etc.*

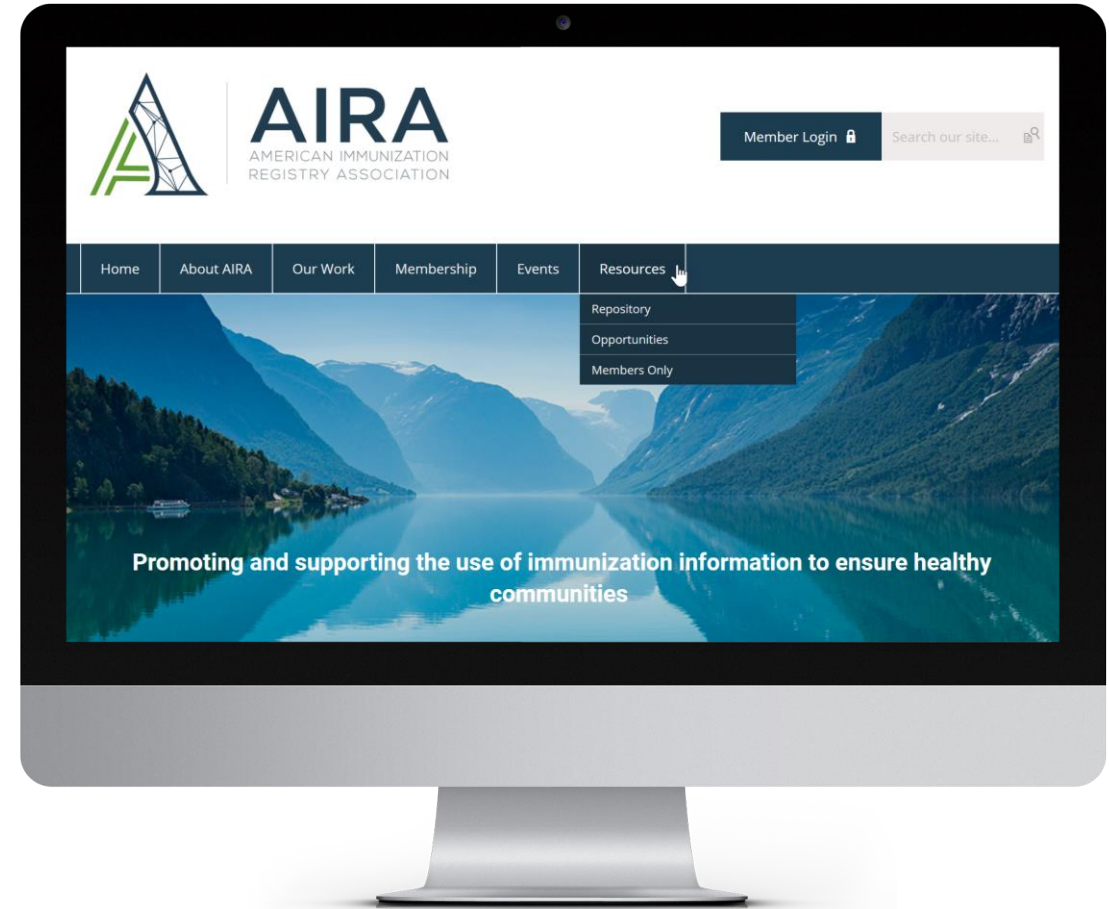


Questions?

Thank You!

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