

Tennessee Web Immunization System (TWIS) site can be found at <http://twis.tn.gov>. TWIS is a link to the state of Tennessee's Immunization Registry established in 1996. In 2003, the registry launched its "web" application, **TWIS**. The application was designed to serve as a "window" through which private providers might use to determine immunization needs of patients they served who may have received immunizations in a public health clinic setting. TWIS has over 1038 user sites (including schools) and 3380 users. There are over 1.5 million patients in the registry and over 14 million immunizations reported.

School nurses may obtain access to TWIS by completing a online registration at <http://twis.tn.gov>. Once completed the user will be allowed to view immunization records of children and other Tennessee residents.

Attached is a pdf document that provides information on the state's electronic school certificates. State law (T.C.A. 49-6-5002) requires the use of the Official Immunization Certificate provided by the Tennessee Department of Health to enroll children in schools and pre-schools statewide. Since 1986, this certificate, signed by a physician or health care provider administering immunizations, has been the only form that schools and pre-schools may accept as proof of immunizations for student enrollment. TWIS provides an electronic method for authorized users to print a pre-populated versions of the school certificate without regard to color.

Immunization records must be documented on the certificate, not attached to it. The law does not allow the use of unofficial immunization certificates that may be available in some electronic medical record systems. Parents without a properly completed Official Immunization Certificate can be turned away at registration in order to have their health care provider or health department complete one properly.

There are two ways to obtain copies of Tennessee's Official Immunization School and Pre-School Certificates:

- (1) Copies are available at local health departments; contact them to provide copies to your office
- (2) Registered users of the Tennessee Web Immunization System (TWIS) may download copies of the Official Certificate. As an added benefit, all required immunizations in the state immunization registry will be pre-populated on the child's certificate print out. To learn how to register for free TWIS access, visit <https://twis.tn.gov> or call (888)-894-7435.

For questions about the Official Immunization Certificate or immunizations in general, contact your local health department or the Tennessee Immunization Program at 1-800-404-3006. For questions about Department of Education enrollment policies, contact the local educational authorities in your area or the Department of Education Coordinated School Health Program.