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HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MAYOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, AND HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION LAUNCH *MY VACCINE RECORD*, AN ONLINE PORTAL TO IMMUNIZATION RECORDS FOR IDNYC CARD HOLDERS

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Access to children's records is granted only to individuals listed on the child's birth certificate or reported to the agency as the child's parent, guardian, next of kin or primary contact

January 19, 2017 – Today the Health Department, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, and the Human Resources Administration announced that parents, guardians, and other individuals with IDNYC cards can go online to <u>My Vaccine Record</u> to access their own or their children's official immunization records from the Citywide Immunization Registry. Previously, immunization records were accessible to healthcare providers online, but the public needed to contact the Health Department and wait up to two weeks to get a record.

A person can access a child's record only if his or her name is recorded in the registry as the child's parent, guardian, next of kin or primary contact. Parents can use the record to see a list of vaccinations their child still needs. These records may also be used for child care and school registration, college admission, camp enrollment and more, but they do not replace the physical examination form required by schools.

"The Health Department's new portal, My Vaccine Record, makes accessing immunization records easy and seamless for parents and guardians with an IDNYC card," said **Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett**. "Now, parents and guardians can use the portal to see when their child will need her next shot and access her official immunization record to submit to colleges, schools, child care centers, camps and more. Obtaining your child's immunization records used to take up to two weeks – now, you can get them in minutes."

"The launch of My Vaccine Record creates easy access to important information like immunization records using your IDNYC card. With today's announcement IDNYC demonstrates it can help New Yorkers navigate government services more efficiently for parents, children and families," said **Commissioner Nisha Agarwal of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs**.

"IDNYC is not only the largest municipal ID program in the nation but also the most useful," said **Department of Social Services/Human Resources**

Administration Commissioner Steve Banks. "Cardholders have a valid form of identification that allows them to take part in City programs and services, including free membership to dozens of the most iconic New York cultural institutions, and now they can also access their own and their children's immunization records. This new feature allows families to have critical health data at hand and reinforces the City's commitment to make services more accessible for all New Yorkers."

The Citywide Immunization Registry was launched in 1996 and contains about 6.4 million patient records. The New York City Health Code and New York State law require that health care providers report immunizations given to everyone under 19 years of age. Most records are for individuals born in New York City after 1995. About 17 percent of New York City adults also have immunization records in the registry.

Only <u>IDNYC</u> cardholders can use My Vaccine Record to search for immunization records online at this time. IDNYC is a free government-issued identification card that is available to all New York City residents age 14 years and older, regardless of immigration status. IDNYC information will be used only to confirm the individual's identity. For more information on how to get an IDNYC card, click <u>here</u>.

"I am a proud IDNYC cardholder, and I have been pleased to see so many of my neighbors join me in participating in this landmark municipal identification program," said **Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams**. "DOHMH Commissioner Bassett, MOIA Commissioner Agarwal, and HRA Commissioner Banks, all of whom stand out as leaders in public policy innovation and community outreach, are to be commended for using this card as a vehicle to more easily empower New Yorkers with their immunization histories."

"People need to know their vaccination history in order to protect their health and to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases," said **Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried of Manhattan, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health**. "Being able to access it via My Vaccine Record will make it easier and more convenient for the families of New Yorkers with IDNYC cards to consolidate their immunization records and make sure that they have received all the vaccinations they need."

"Thanks to the My Vaccine Record portal, thousands of IDNYC cardholders have easy and immediate access to their children's immunization records," said **NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm (D-Jackson Heights, Elmhurst)**, lead sponsor of the legislation that created the identification card. "These parents will now be equipped with the information they need to ensure that their children have the vaccinations necessary for school admission and more. Because of the My Vaccine Record portal, more of our youth will live healthier and happier lives. I urge all New Yorkers to sign up for their IDNYC today so that they can take advantage of this important new service."

New Yorkers who do not have an IDNYC can still access their or their child's record by mailing in a completed <u>Immunization Record Request Application</u>. You may also call 311 to request a copy of the application.

Translations of the vaccination recommendations are available in Spanish, traditional Chinese and simplified Chinese on the Health Department Bureau of Immunization's <u>Parents, Guardians, and Individuals</u> services page.

Public requests to update records may be made by completing the <u>Immunization Record</u> <u>Enrollment/Update form</u>.

About IDNYC

IDNYC is a municipal ID card for all New Yorkers ages 14 and older, regardless of immigration status. Cardholders can use their IDNYC as a library card and as their H+H registration card, and they have access to free memberships at 40 of the city's premiere cultural organizations, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music, among other discounts and benefits. All IDNYC applicants must have documentation that proves identity and residency in New York City. IDNYC will remain free in 2017. The program is operated by the NYC Human Rights Administration. To apply for an IDNYC, call 311 and say "IDNYC" or visit nyc.gov/idnyc.

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Due Dates and Recommendations, attached to the end of the report

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