How To Verify Someone’s Immunization Records

You can help keep your employees and visitors safe from COVID-19 by learning how to identify a valid immunization card or record. Have questions? Need a new immunization record? Contact 215-685-5488 or email covid@phila.gov.

CDC Immunization Card

An immunization card is an official vaccination record issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). An official CDC Immunization Card is 4 inches by 3 inches, printed on white cardstock, and has the CDC’s logo. When examining someone’s physical, digitally copied or photographed CDC immunization card, follow the steps below:

- **VERIFY INFORMATION**
  Verify the Name and Date of Birth with a valid form of ID (driver’s license, passport, etc.).

- **OFFICIALLY ISSUED**
  Ask if the CDC immunization card was issued by a licensed medical provider or clinic staff.

- **ALL FIELDS ARE COMPLETE**
  Make sure all the fields are completely filled in.
  - Pfizer or Moderna need 2 doses completed.
  - Johnson & Johnson (or Jansen) only needs 1 dose.

- **MISSING INFORMATION**
- **ALTERED**
  If the card contains a watermark, embossed text, has been clearly cut with scissors or printed on flimsy paper.

- **CROPPED OR UNCLEAR PHOTOGRAPH**
  If a photographed copy of someone’s CDC card is cropped to prevent you from seeing the full card or is too blurry to read.

PhilaVax IIS Immunization Record

A PhilaVax Immunization Information System (IIS) Immunization Record is an official medical document issued by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH). PDPH can provide city residents with a digital copy of their PhilaVax IIS Immunization Record. When examining someone’s printed or digital PhilaVax IIS Immunization Record, follow the steps below:

- **VERIFY INFORMATION**
  Verify the Name and Date of Birth with a valid form of ID (driver’s license, passport, etc.).

- **WHO ISSUED THE RECORD?**
  Ask if the record was issued by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, the Philadelphia Immunization Program, or a medical provider.

- **IS THE RECORD COMPLETE?**
  Make sure all the fields are completely filled in.
  - Pfizer (PFR) or Moderna (MOD) need 2 doses completed.
  - Johnson & Johnson (JSN) needs only 1 dose.
  - Verify the official City seal watermark is on the record.