FAQs ABOUT AIRA MEMBERSHIP

What is AIRA?

The American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) is a membership organization that exists to support and promote **the development and implementation of immunization information systems (IIS)** as a crucial tool in preventing and controlling vaccine-preventable diseases.

How does AIRA serve the IIS community?

AIRA provides a forum through which members combine efforts, share knowledge and promote activities to advance IIS and immunization programs. **AIRA is a resource for a strong, unified voice for standards, policy and funding, data exchange standards development, information sharing and education/training for IIS managers and staff.**

Who are AIRA's members?

AIRA's members are **IIS staff working in health departments, IIS implementers and nonprofit organizations** such as community advocacy and education coalitions. AIRA members also work with its **Supporting Members,** which consists of for-profit organizations committed to AIRA's mission. Currently, there are more than 450 members of AIRA representing over 75 organizations.

How do members participate in AIRA's efforts?

AIRA's initiatives are created and carried out by members who **participate on AIRA steering committees,** including the:

- Assessment Steering Committee (ASC)
- Education Steering Committee (ESC)
- Modeling Immunization Registry Operations Workgroup (MIROW)
- Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC)

Each committee's participants convene during a monthly or quarterly call.

"AIRA plays a meaningful role in facilitating projects for the greater IIS community. Colorado's IIS is stronger because of guidance put forth by AIRA, and our staff have greatly benefitted from participating in AIRA's events."

Heather Roth, MA
Deputy Immunization Branch Chief
Colorado Immunization Information System

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What is AIRA's Supporting Member option?

AIRA's Supporting Members option **offers for-profit organizations an opportunity to support AIRA** and collaborate with its members to address health issues affecting our nation. Supporting Members benefit from access to AIRA members and stakeholders and support AIRA's National Meeting. IIS implementers and other for-profit companies comprise AIRA's Supporting Members.

Why should I want to join AIRA as a member or Supporting Member?

- To build and maintain strong partnerships with other organizations to resolve common issues together.
- To advocate for funding of IIS development and enhancement through legislation, policy development and public information.
- To contribute to the ongoing development and evolution of IIS through knowledge-sharing opportunities and capacity-building activities.
- To advocate for, develop, disseminate and promote IIS standards that are consistent with national standards and that increase the visibility of IIS as public health best practice models for interoperable and integrated health management systems.

What are the benefits of joining AIRA?

The **benefits** of joining AIRA include the ability to **participate on committees and work groups, discounted rates** for AIRA events, unlimited **access to all AIRA educational materials,** peer-to-peer **networking opportunities** and much more!

How do I join AIRA?

For more information on membership and AIRA's Supporting Members option, please visit **www.immregistries.org** or call us at **(202) 759-0186.**