



## Frequently Asked Questions IRIS Vision Screenings Module May 2015

- Q1. Who can access IRIS to enter vision screening records?
- A. Initially, the Iowa Department of Public Health is targeting school staff to allow access to the vision module in IRIS. IDPH anticipates additional users will be granted access to the vision module at a later date.
- Q2. I currently have access to IRIS, but I need to request access to the vision module. How do I do this?
- A. All existing school users will need to re-enroll in order to gain access to the vision module. Please complete the [IRIS Site Enrollment Form](#). The form can be sent by email to [irisenrollment@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:irisenrollment@idph.iowa.gov) or by fax to 1-800-831-6292. You will receive an email notifying you of the change in your IRIS access. Your current IRIS login will remain the same.
- Q3. If I am already an IRIS user, will my IRIS login and password remain the same to access the vision module?
- A. Yes, your IRIS login and password will remain the same.
- Q4. I do not have access to IRIS. How can I get access to enter vision screening records?
- A. If you are associated with a school, complete the [IRIS Site Enrollment Form](#) and send it to the Iowa Immunization Program. Indicate your intended use of IRIS by selecting the appropriate check boxes. Send the completed IRIS Site Enrollment Form via email to [irisenrollment@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:irisenrollment@idph.iowa.gov) or by fax to 1-800-831-6292. Following the processing of your enrollment form, you will be contacted via secure email with your login details.
- Q5. Will IRIS school vision users be able to record immunizations in addition to vision screening results?
- A. No, IRIS school vision users will only be able to document vision screening results in IRIS. There will be no change in immunization access, meaning school users can only view and print students' immunization information.
- Q6. Will IRIS school vision users be able to create patient records?
- A. Yes, new patient records can be created, and vision screening results can be recorded on the records. IRIS includes a record for most children that will require a vision screening. Careful attention should be made to **not** create duplicate patient records in IRIS. Proper patient searching instructions are included in the IRIS Managing Vision Screen Instructions, found on the [IRIS website](#).
- Q7. Will I be able to print vision screening records?
- A. Yes, vision screening records can be printed for each student in IRIS. Please refer to the IRIS Managing Vision Screen Instructions, found on the [IRIS website](#), or contact the IRIS Helpdesk at 1-800-374-3958.

- Q8. Are schools required to conduct vision screenings for students?
- A. No. However, if you conduct vision screenings or wish to record students' vision screening results, you will have the ability to do so with appropriate access in IRIS.
- Q9. Are there any reports I can create or print from IRIS regarding the vision screenings I conducted?
- A. No, only individual student vision screening results can be printed. There are no other reporting capabilities in the school vision module in IRIS.
- Q10. Are parents able to access IRIS for their child's vision screening records?
- A. Yes, the public access search in IRIS allows parents/guardians to view and print their child's immunization record or vision screening results. To search for a record you must enter the child's first name, last name, date of birth and either SSN or Medicaid number. Not all records in IRIS include SSN or Medicaid number as this is not a required field. The 'Public Immunization Record Access' page is available at <https://IRIS.iowa.gov>.
- Q11. Will vision screenings conducted by the Lions Club be entered in IRIS?
- A. Yes. Vision screenings conducted by Iowa KidSight, which is a joint project of the Lions Clubs of Iowa and the University of Iowa, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, will be submitted electronically to IRIS. As of May 2015, this functionality is still under development.
- Q12. Is there any training available about the vision screening module in IRIS?
- A. Yes, IDPH will offer multiple training webinars in the spring and fall of 2015. Registration links are available on the [IRIS website](#).
- Tuesday May 12, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
  - Thursday May 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
  - Wednesday May 20, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
  - Fall dates will be sent via the IRIS list serve.
- Q13. How do I get more information about IRIS?
- A. You can visit the IRIS webpage available at [www.idph.state.ia.us/ImmTB/Immunization.aspx?prog=Imm&pg=Iris](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/ImmTB/Immunization.aspx?prog=Imm&pg=Iris) or subscribe to an IRIS list serve. To join a list serve send a blank email message to [join-IRISUSERS@lists.ia.gov](mailto:join-IRISUSERS@lists.ia.gov) or [join-IRISSCHOOL@lists.ia.gov](mailto:join-IRISSCHOOL@lists.ia.gov).
- Q14. I have questions about vision screening requirements. Who should I contact?
- A. Melissa Ellis at [Melissa.ellis@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:Melissa.ellis@idph.iowa.gov) or 515-537-6544