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# INFORMATION REQUEST

Topic: Birth and Death Files from Vital Statistics

**Request Date:** January 23, 2019

**Information Requested:**

1. Does your IIS receive birth/death files directly from Vital Statistics on a routine basis?
2. If so, does your IIS receive updated client information in the event of a name change (adoption, marriage, custody change, etc.)?

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**Results:**

**RI:**

Rhode Island IIS (KIDSNET) receives daily birth files from vital records. We do not routinely get name changes, except for adoption information. We developed a process with our vital records office for adoptions that changes the name in KIDSNET and removes all identifying information to the pre-adoption name, parents and addresses but keeps the health information. Child deaths are reported weekly. We also have access to a death file on a quarterly basis, which we will be able to access when our registry is expanded to lifelong.

**TN:**

1. Yes to birth files from Vital Records, no death files
2. No

**VT:**

The Vermont Immunization Registry actually shares a database with our electronic death reporting system – so our deaths are updated in real time.

We also update records based on adoptions and legitimations – I have an employee who codes a small part of his time to Vital Records, as he does these updates for both Vital Records.



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We use our patient matching software in several ways to match and update records for adults whose names have changed due to marriage. Vital Records provides us with marriage records for this purpose.

**WA:**

1. Yes, we receive this information on a weekly basis.
2. Yes, we get updated data on adoptions, legal name changes, corrections, etc. Anything that would update a birth certificate is given to us as part of the data we receive each week.

**WI:**

Wisconsin does receive birth records, judgements (like adoptions or name changes) and death information from Vital Records.

Vital records submits their loads weekly in batches. Birth and Inactive/Updates on Mondays, Death records on Fridays.