

Immunization Awareness

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Communities across the country use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases across the lifespan.

3 MILLION

The number of deaths prevented each year by immunizations.

5.3 MILLION

The number of illnesses prevented by the flu vaccination in 2016/2017

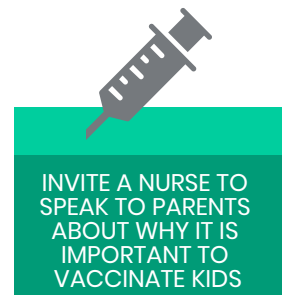


Why Vaccinate?

- they work
- they are safe
- they are necessary
- they are studied

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WAYS TO INCREASE VACCINATION AWARENESS



THE FACTS ABOUT IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunization doesn't protect just individual children; it protects the entire community.

- Influenza kills more people in the United States than all other vaccine-preventable diseases combined
- More than an estimated 80 percent of U.S. adults are not up-to-date on their whooping cough vaccination.
- Vaccines save more lives than seat belts in the U.S.



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Immunization helps protect children against infectious diseases
- Keep immunization records in a safe place. You will need them for childcare and school
- Vaccines do not cause autism, asthma, or other diseases
- Talk to your child's doctor if you have any questions

