

Recognizing National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)



August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), and it highlights the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. The goal of NIAM is to remind individuals to get immunized and also to recognize the importance of vaccines in preventing serious and sometimes fatal diseases. NIAM is sponsored by the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC); for more information on the observance, visit their website at <https://www.nphic.org/niam>.

Each week will focus on the following different lifespan categories:

- Adults (Aug. 1-7)
- Pregnant women (Aug. 8-14)
- Babies and young children (Aug. 15-21)
- Preteens and teens (Aug. 22-28)

The CDC wants to remind parents how important immunizations are in protecting their children from pertussis, mumps, and measles. Also, to encourage students entering college to check with their local health department or physician about what kinds of vaccines they might need. Another objective of NIAM is to educate adults, adults with chronic conditions, and older adults about immunizations that protect them from shingles, pertussis, and hepatitis. It is recommended that pregnant women get the whooping cough and flu vaccines to help protect her unborn child from these illnesses.

To check the status of your immunizations, visit the following State of Wisconsin website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm> or contact the Oneida Community Health Department at (920) 869-4840 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



Resources: cdc.gov/vaccines, nphic.org/niam, dhs.wisconsin.gov
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