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Get Back On Track with Routine Immunizations

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) Showcases Importance of Vaccines

XENIA, OHIO – Get back on track with routine vaccinations. August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. We know the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all aspects of life, including your ability to attend important appointments and receive routine vaccinations. During NIAM, we encourage you to talk to your doctor, nurse, or healthcare provider to ensure you and your family are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccination.

As your children head back to school this month, it's particularly important for you to work with your child's doctor or nurse to make sure they get caught up on missed [well-child visits and recommended vaccines](#).

Remember to take care of yourself too! Make sure to receive any vaccines you need to stay healthy. Use CDC's [adult vaccine assessment tool](#) to see which vaccines might be right for you. August is also a critical time for those who are eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19, whether they are beginning their initial series, or getting a booster dose. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccination, check out the following websites:

- [Your COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens | CDC](#)

During NIAM, Greene County Public Health (GCPH) will be sharing information and resources on social media to highlight the importance of vaccines. Help us spread the word! Follow the conversation on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram and use #ivax2protect to share why you choose to vaccinate.

The team at GCPH is also seeing an increase in cases of whooping cough (Pertussis). Vaccination will protect your child and family members. Additionally, the HPV vaccination (an anti-cancer vaccine) is recommended for students 11-26 years of age. To see a list of vaccines for school age children in Ohio for Fall 2022, visit: [School+Immunization+Summary+2019-2020.pdf \(ohio.gov\)](#)

For those who waver on whether to vaccinate themselves and/or their children, please visit www.immunize.org/reports/ to view real-life stories of people who have suffered or died from vaccine-preventable diseases. More than 100 compelling personal testimonies, remembrances, case reports, and

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newspaper articles are available. GCPH also encourages families to ask questions and have open and honest conversations with their health care provider about vaccines.

While vaccines are the safest way to protect a person from a disease, no vaccine is perfect. It is possible to get a disease even when vaccinated, but the person is less likely to become seriously ill. Don't delay – call your health care provider today to schedule an appointment. The American Academy of Pediatrics, Ohio Chapter (Ohio AAP) and ODH suggest parents download the free “Fast Vax Facts” app, available in the App Store and on Google Play. “Fast Vax Facts” is a new app featuring valuable, pediatrician-approved immunization resources for parents and guardians. A link to the App can be found at: www.OhioAAP.org/FVF.

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