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Michigan families urged to catch up on routine vaccinations in recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month

LANSING, Mich. – Vaccines play a critical role in keeping the public healthy. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) urges Michigan residents and families to get caught up and stay up to date on vaccines as part of [National Immunization Awareness Month \(NIAM\)](#). Governor Whitmer has also proclaimed August as [Vaccine Awareness Month](#).

NIAM highlights efforts to protect individuals of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases and ensure residents receive vaccinations on time. A study from April 2024 found that [global immunization efforts](#) have saved more than 154 million lives – the majority of lives saved, 146 million, were those under the age of five.

“As families prepare for the new school year, it is the perfect time to ensure everyone is up to date on their routine vaccinations,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. “Staying on schedule with immunizations protects against serious diseases like measles, hepatitis A, polio and HPV-related cancers. With whooping cough cases in Michigan at their highest since 2010 and the U.S. on track for the worst measles year since 1992, vaccines are more important than ever to prevent these diseases from making a deadly comeback in our communities. Talk to your health care provider, visit a local pharmacy or contact your local health department for more information.”

According to data from the [Michigan Care Improvement Registry \(MCIR\)](#), as of June 2025 only 68% of Michigan children 19 through 35 months of age were fully immunized with recommended vaccines. This is a significant decrease from March 2019 when 73.5% of children in this age group were vaccinated.

MDHHS encourages residents to check their vaccination records and consult with their health care providers about any recommended vaccines they may need. To obtain an immunization record for your child, ask your child’s pediatrician or family doctor, contact your [local health department](#) or submit an [immunization record request](#).

Nationally and in Michigan, [measles](#) cases have been on the rise. Vaccinating against highly contagious diseases like measles is critically important. To achieve community immunity against measles, 95% of a population must be vaccinated. If measles vaccination coverage rates drop below that threshold, outbreaks and preventable deaths will ultimately occur. Maintaining high vaccine coverage rates is crucial to protect the public and prevent transmission.

As part of NIAM, MDHHS is joining the [Franny Strong Foundation](#), its partner on the [Vaccinate campaign](#), and other advocates across the nation to spread the message that vaccines are one of the safest ways to protect health and lower risks for certain diseases and cancers. Now is the time to stay up to date with all recommended vaccines to protect yourself, your family and your community from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Watch for additional information coming soon regarding availability of flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines to help reduce symptoms and severity of illness during the upcoming fall respiratory season. Visit [Michigan.gov/CovidFluRSV](https://www.michigan.gov/CovidFluRSV) for more.

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