



## NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

April 23, 2020- April 26 through May 3 is National Infant Immunization Week! The purpose of this annual observance is to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunizations. Join the District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) and communities around the nation in recognizing National Infant Immunization Week and celebrate the critical role vaccination plays in protecting the health of our children, families, and communities.

Through immunizations, infants and children can be protected from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases before the age of two, which in turn drastically reduces infant death and disability caused by these diseases in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that childhood immunizations of children born between 1994 and 2018 will prevent an estimated 419 million illnesses, 26.8 million hospitalizations, 936,000 early deaths, \$406 billion in direct costs and \$1.9 trillion in total economic impact.

Vaccine prevented diseases may seem like threats from the past; however, children can still get and spread these diseases. The U.S. is seeing the return of vaccine preventable diseases, such as measles, whooping cough, and mumps, that had once been considered eliminated. It is extremely important that all infants are vaccinated on time. It is the responsibility of parents, physicians, and public health providers to make sure that all children are up to date on vaccinations. Parents should talk with their provider to ensure that their baby is up to date on vaccinations

Due to COVID-19, DHD#10 is now scheduling immunization appointments for early summer. To schedule an appointment, please call 888-217-3904. If you cannot afford immunizations for your child or have further questions, please let us know when you call to schedule your appointment.

Learn more about National Infant Immunizations Week from [DHD#10](#) and from the [CDC](#).

### About DHD #10

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) is Michigan's largest geographical health department, mandated to promote and protect the public from unsafe and hazardous conditions and provide methods of promoting good health and disease prevention. Some of the vital programs provided by DHD #10 include Immunizations, Infectious Disease Control, STI Testing and Counseling, WIC, Maternal Infant Health Program, Healthy Families Northern Michigan, Children's Special Health Services, Hearing and Vision Screening, Family Planning, Cancer Screening, Worksite Wellness, Smoking Cessation, Substance Use Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Environmental Health Services. DHD #10 serves Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford counties. For more information, visit [www.dhd10.org](http://www.dhd10.org).



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