

DHD#10 HIGHLIGHTS NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATIONS WEEK

April 22, 2022 – April 25th through May 2nd is National Infant Immunizations Week. The purpose of this awareness campaign is to highlight the importance of protecting infants and children from harmful vaccine-preventable diseases while also acknowledging the various achievements of immunizations. District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) asks that you join them and other communities around the state and country in recognizing National Infant Immunizations Week.

Infants and children can be protected from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases before the age of two. These immunizations decrease the risk of infant death or disability caused by those diseases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that childhood vaccines administered between 1994 and 2018 will prevent about 936,000 early deaths and have an immeasurable impact on their health and wellbeing. However, the CDC also found a troubling decrease in infant and childhood immunizations in 2020. The CDC believes that while families were staying home and following COVID-19 quarantine and isolation guidelines, they were also not keeping up with regular immunizations. This finding makes raising awareness about the need for and benefit of infant and childhood vaccination!

“Immunizations hold incredible benefits for our children,” says Bethanie Dean, DHD#10 Immunizations Coordinator. “However, they also protect from increased healthcare and work loss costs later in life, which can improve our children’s social and economic standing.” Therefore, it is important that we continue to observe National Infant Immunization Week and raise awareness about the numerous benefits of infant and childhood immunizations.

If you are unsure if your child is up-to-date on their vaccines, or you would like to schedule a vaccine, please give DHD#10 a call at 888-217-3904.

Remember, DHD#10 can bill most insurances to cover the cost of vaccination. Don’t let the cost of vaccines prevent you from receiving vaccination. DHD#10 uses a sliding-fee scale for the cost of vaccine administration. Administration fees may be waived by the nurse in cases of financial hardship. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program provides vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them.

For more information about National Infant Immunizations Week, please visit:
<https://nationaltoday.com/national-infant-immunization-week/>.

For more information from the CDC on Childhood Immunizations, [click here](#).

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