

DHD#10 ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO GET VACCINATED DURING WORLD IMMUNIZATIONS WEEK

April 22, 2022 – April 24 through April 30, 2022, is recognized as **World Immunization Day** by the World Health Organization (WHO). It is a time set aside to raise awareness about the impact that vaccines have made on humanity across the globe. This year's theme, **Long Life for All: In pursuit of a long life well lived**, represents the ultimate goal for more people – and communities – to be protected from vaccine preventable diseases. District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) invites residents to commemorate the success story of vaccines and their ability to protect people of all ages against disease.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), globally:

- Vaccines are available for 20 life-threatening diseases.
- Immunizations prevent 2-3 million deaths every year from diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza, and measles.
- 23 million infants have insufficient access to vaccines, which highlights the need for public awareness events such as World Immunizations Week.

The WHO works with countries across the globe to raise awareness about the values of vaccines and immunizations, as well as ensuring that governments have access to, and obtain, the necessary guidance and technical support to implement high-quality immunizations programs. The WHO hopes that this celebration encourages more people and communities to get vaccinated to protect them from vaccine-preventable disease.

“As we celebrate vaccines and their impact on the betterment of society, we want to take the time to encourage our residents to make sure they are up-to-date on their vaccines,” said DHD#10 Health Officer Kevin Hughes. “It is never too late to get your COVID-19 vaccine, but it is also important to get the rest of the vaccines you need.”

To learn more about the WHO's celebration of World Immunizations Week, please visit <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-immunization-week/world-immunization-week-2022>.

To schedule a vaccine with DHD#10, please call 888-217-3904.

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