

Immunization Awareness Month



Vaccines help prevent infectious diseases and save lives. Many harmful diseases have been controlled by the use of vaccines. It is important to ensure that children as well as adults receive their immunizations on a regular basis. August is National Immunization Awareness Month, a good reminder to review this critical topic.

The following links provide information for parents and providers. Please visit these sites and learn how we can continue to keep all children and adults healthy and well.



[The National Immunization Program \(NIP\)](#) is a part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As a disease prevention program, NIP provides leadership for the planning, coordination and conduct of immunization activities nationwide. On this website you will find immunization information about vaccine preventable diseases, the benefits of immunization, and the risks of immunization versus the risk of disease, as well as educational materials and resources. *This information is also available in Spanish.*

- [The Parents Guide to Childhood Immunization](#) is an online booklet from the National Immunization Program. Free copies can be ordered or it can be read and printed from the web. *This is available in English and Spanish.*



[The American Academy of Pediatrics](#) offers multiple resources and answers common questions on the topic of immunizations for children.



[The North Carolina Immunization Branch](#) serves to promote public health through the identification and elimination of vaccine-preventable diseases. This site includes North Carolina specific data on [immunization requirements in child care](#) and a page for [parents and guardians](#) about the immunizations children need by the time they start kindergarten. It also has links to frequently asked questions and common misconceptions about vaccines.