

## **Immunization Awareness**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html>

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.

### **Why Vaccinate**

On-time vaccination throughout childhood is essential because it helps provide immunity before children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. Adults need to continue vaccinations for their age group as well.

Vaccines can prevent infectious diseases that once killed or harmed many infants, children, and adults. Without vaccines, your child or you are at risk for getting seriously ill and suffering pain, disability, and even death from diseases.

The disease-prevention benefits of getting vaccines are much greater than the possible side effects for almost all children.

COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for ages 6 months and older.

See your child's pediatrician or your doctor for details and to develop a vaccination schedule for you and your child.