

Public Service Announcement

National Immunization Awareness Week

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National Immunization Awareness Week (NIAW) is an annual event to highlight and recognize the importance of immunization for all ages. This year's theme is, "Don't let history repeat itself. Protect your future. Get immunized!"

The Department of Health is asking Nunavummiut to stay up to date on recommended vaccinations to protect their families, friends and communities from preventable diseases, and participate in the upcoming National Immunization Awareness Week.

Routine vaccinations are important for everyone, but are especially critical for infants and toddlers. Vaccinations protect your child from serious illness or disease and keep other children safe by reducing the risk of spreading preventable diseases from child to child.

Most of your child's vaccinations are completed between birth and six years of age. Many vaccines are given more than once, at different ages and in different combinations.

As children grow, the protection they received against some diseases from routine childhood vaccines, such as measles, chickenpox or tetanus, begins to wear off. For the protection to continue, booster doses are required.

To find out what immunizations are needed in childhood, adolescence and adulthood, and to ensure protection against disease, visit the <u>Government of Nunavut website</u> or talk to your local health provider.

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