

Public Service Announcement

National Immunization Awareness Month

Start Date: August 21, 2026

End Date: August 31, 2026

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The best time to get vaccinated is when they are recommended by Nunavut's vaccine schedule, or by your local health centre or public health unit. If you've fallen behind, the best time is now. The Department of Health wishes to emphasize the importance of vaccinations during National Immunization Month.

This year's theme is '*The time is now! Prevention can't wait. Get immunized!*' Stay up to date on recommended vaccinations to protect your families, friends and community from preventable diseases.

Being up to date on vaccinations is important for everyone but is 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.

Vaccine misinformation and disinformation can lead to vaccine hesitancy, and in some regions of Canada, immunization rates have fallen below the levels needed to prevent outbreaks. However, the truth is that vaccines continue to offer safe and effective protection against diseases that can lead to serious health consequences.

Vaccines have been safely and reliably used for decades. Consistent, evidence-based, trustworthy information about vaccines, and the diseases they prevent, can be found by consulting reputable sources. More about evaluating vaccine information online can be found on the Department of Health website at: [Immunization | Government of Nunavut](#).

As Nunavummiut, let's protect our health, stay informed on the benefits of vaccines, and rely on the clear evidence of their safety and efficacy. Let's stay up to date with our vaccinations.

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