



2017 National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) Local Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Activities throughout the Connecticut

BRIDGEPORT

- **July 14th 12–3pm:** Come join us for the Mutual Housing Association's Second Annual Health Fair at Wilton Commons, 21 Station Rd, Wilton. Lots of food, fun and information for a healthier you! *Sponsored by: Neighborworks*
- **July 28th 10am-2pm** *Rain date August 2nd 10am-2pm: Free health screenings including Hepatitis C Testing, HIV Testing and more! Come on out and join us for a day of health, free food and music at the Community Health & Wellness Fair and Hepatitis C/HIV Testing Day Baldwin Plaza, 1106 Main Street, Bridgeport (behind Courthouse) *Sponsored by: CT Community for Addiction Recovery, American Liver Foundation, & Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program*
- **August 15th 2–6pm:** Optimus Health Care Annual Health Festival Optimus Health Care, 982 East Main Street, Bridgeport. Come celebrate National Health Center Week & America's Health Centers!

DANBURY

- **July 28th 3-5pm:** Visit the booth at "New Milford Village Fair Days" on the Green in New Milford where the IAP will distribute vaccine information for families with infants and children, pregnant women and adults, highlighting the importance of keeping up with recommended vaccinations for good health!
- **Month of August:** Check out new weekly Facebook posts from Center for Pediatric Medicine's at <https://www.facebook.com/centerforpediatricmedct>
- **Month of August:** Check out articles about national immunization awareness month in the New Fairfield Town Tribune, Danbury Patch, and Western CT Health Network Vital Signs newsletter.

HARTFORD

- **August 18th 1-4pm:** Wilson Grey YMCA at 444 Albany Ave. in Hartford. There will be music, games, giveaways and food. The event celebrates World Breastfeeding and National Immunization Awareness Month!

NAUGATUCK VALLEY

- **Month of August:** Visit the Naugatuck Valley Health District website <http://nvhd.org/> for information about national immunization awareness month (NIAM) – Check out the main entrance entry table decorated with information about NIAM along with posters placed on doors at both main entrances.
- **July 31-August 6:** Baby & Young Children immunization info will be posted on NVHD Facebook and Twitter accounts and will be sent to local pediatric offices about the importance of immunizations.
- **August 7-13:** OB-GYN immunization info for Pregnant Women will be posted on NVHD Facebook and Twitter accounts and will be sent to local OB-GYN offices about appropriate vaccines for pregnant women and about the CIRT Program.
- **August 14-20:** Adult immunization info will be posted on NVHD Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- **August 21-27:** Preteen/Teen immunization info will be posted on our NVHD Facebook and Twitter accounts and will be sent to local pediatric offices about the importance of immunizations for these age groups.

NEW BRITAIN

- **August 23rd 10:00am–12:00 pm:** at the New Britain Public Library 20 High Street – Immunization Informational Session with display and pamphlets available for all age groups, as well as immunization coloring books for children.
- **Week of August 21st and week of August 28th 9am-3pm:** New Britain School's Central Registration – Immunization Coordinators will be on site evaluating immunization records for school entry.



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NEW HAVEN

- **Every Thursday in August 9:00am–3:00 pm:** at the New Haven Health Department 54 Meadows Street – Immunization Coordinators will be at the educational table in the clinic available to discuss immunizations and assist with school readiness.

NORWALK

- **Month of August:** Immunization information will be displayed in the Norwalk Health Department lobby near the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) office. The display will be changed each week to follow CDC's National themes of immunizations across the life span (adults, pregnant women, babies and young children, preteens and teens). Immunization schedules for children, teens and adults will be posted. CIRTs will be highlighted. CDC immunization schedule refrigerator magnets for babies and young children will be given out to WIC participants. Check out new posts to honor each week's theme at: <https://www.facebook.com/norwalkhealth>
- **August 2nd 9:30am:** CIRTs/Immunization Record Checks will be performed for children receiving support services from Family and Children's Agency (FCA). Families enrolled in Nurturing Families, Connections, Mom's Program, etc. are being asked to sign releases for their children's immunization records to be evaluated by Norwalk IAP and FCA staff. Children who are late with vaccinations or who do not have a provider identified will be followed up by FCA Program caseworkers. Parents will be offered enrollment if their child is not in CIRTs.

STAMFORD

- **Month of August:** Stamford WIC office – Immunization Coordinators will have an informational table with the CDC Immunization schedule for all ages along with informative handouts and brochures and info about CIRTs.
- **Tuesdays in August:** An educational table will be set up in the Stamford Well Child Clinics at 137 Henry Street, Stamford, promoting vaccination as a disease fighting tool; vaccines recommended in 2017 for each age group; diseases prevented through vaccination. Handouts for parents, bibs for babies and activity books for children will be offered.
- **Wednesdays in August:** In collaboration with the Optimus Clinic and Stamford WIC program, the IAP coordinator will be meeting with prenatal mothers at the Optimus Clinic on 1351 Washington Blvd, Stamford. In conjunction with the prenatal educational classes and early WIC enrollment screenings, the IAP coordinator will meet with the clients to introduce the CIRTs program and educate on the importance of immunizations for the health of their new babies.

TORRINGTON

- **July 24th 10-11am:** 350 Main St, Suite D in Torrington at Family Strides play group – Check out the display of information on Back to School: Ready for school? Make sure those vaccine records are up to date! Babies and Young Children: A healthy start begins with on-time vaccinations! Pregnant Women: Protect yourself and pass protection on to your baby!
- **August 3rd 11-1pm:** IAP program and WIC will host a luncheon in association with National Breastfeeding Month including a poster display and presenting info about infant immunization and other prenatal information.
- **August 14th 10:30-11:30am:** Partner with Family Strides for their event, Brooker Memorial will be doing a presentation about dental care and TAHD will have poster with information for the week of
- **Month of August:** Check out the poster display at the Torrington WIC (Women, Infants and Children) lobby. The display will be changed each week to follow CDC's national themes of immunizations for people across the life span (adults, pregnant women, babies and young children, preteens and teens.)
- **Month of August:** Check out the large sign on display to promote National Immunization Awareness Month at the Torrington Area Health District parking lot!



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WATERBURY

- **Starting July 24th and throughout the month of August:** Check out the Waterbury Health Department Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/waterburyhealthdepartment/>. Various informational video clips will be posted in celebration of National Immunization Awareness Month!
- **Month of August:** Waterbury Health Department's clinical waiting area – Check out the display with assorted colorful brochures and educational materials for parents.
- **1st week of August:** Focus on “Babies and Young Children” with giveaways of baby bibs with the infant schedule.
- **2nd week of August:** Focus on pregnant women, by delivering brochures and a few assorted goodies to the WIC waiting area and a few specific OBGYN offices: DPH's “Up your Flu IQ” Pregnancy, the Flu and You”.
- **August 21st through September 8th:** The IAP program, in support of the Waterbury Education Family Intake Center, will be available to assist with “back-to-school” immunization-related issues, during regular business hours, by reviewing/translating records, assisting with clinic appointments and helping parents to understand and become compliant with school immunization requirements.

WEST HAVEN

- **Weekly in August:** Check out new weekly posts on the West Haven IAP Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/WestHavenIAP> celebrating National Immunization Awareness Month!
- **Thursdays in August 10am-3pm:** West Haven IAP Program will hold an informational table on immunizations at the West Haven Farmer's Market located across from City Hall (355 Main Street) on the city green.

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NIAM is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. NIAM was established to encourage people of all ages to make sure they are up to date on the vaccines recommended for them. Communities have continued to use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases. **For free resources visit:** <https://www.nphic.org/niam> <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam.html>

