



## 2018 National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

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#### **BRIDGEPORT**

- **July 27<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm** \*Rain date August 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-2pm: World Hepatitis Day – 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, & Bridgeport Department of Health and Social Services*
- **August 9<sup>th</sup> 12–3pm:** Come join us for the Mutual Housing Association’s Third Annual Health Fair at Wilton Commons, 21 Station Rd, Wilton. Lots of food, fun and information for a healthier you! *Sponsored by: Neighborworks*
- **August 15<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm:** Come join us at Southwest Community Health Center’s 12th Annual Health Fair - *Southwest Superhero Health Fair* at 968 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport. FREE Health Information, bloods pressure screenings, glucose screenings, dental screenings, Access Health CT, nutrition, WIC, School-Based Health Centers and Community Partners. Food, raffles, moon bounce and free backpacks! In honor of National Health Center Week.
- **Month of August:** Check out Southwestern AHEC’s Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SouthwesternAHEC/> for immunization updates, educational information and resources all month during NIAM! Posts will focus on the NIAM weekly themes: Pregnant Women, Babies and Young Children, Preteens & Teens, and Adults.

#### **HARTFORD**

- **August 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm** \*Rain Date August 25<sup>th</sup> Baby Olympics for infants and Toddlers at Granby St. Hartford CT (Cronin Playground) Come join us for a day of fun filled activities to enjoy with your toddler, remember to wear your bathing suit to play in the splash pad. Free admission, games, crafts, giveaway’s.

#### **NAUGATUCK VALLEY**

- **Month of August:** Visit the Naugatuck Valley Health District (NVHD) 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.
- **August 5-11:** OB-GYN immunization info for Pregnant Women will be posted on NVHD Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts and will be sent to local OB-GYN offices about appropriate vaccines for pregnant women and about the CIRTS Program.
- **August 12-18:** Baby & Young Children immunization info will be posted on NVHD Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts and will be sent to local pediatric offices about the importance of immunizations.
- **August 19-25:** Preteen/Teen immunization info will be posted on our NVHD Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts and will be sent to local pediatric offices about the importance of immunizations for these age groups.
- **August 26-31:** Adult immunization info will be posted on NVHD Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

#### **NEW BRITAIN**

- **July 25<sup>th</sup>:** New Britain Health Department will be at the YWCA in New Britain to speak and provide immunization materials for pregnant teen moms. The information will be regarding immunizations during pregnancy, and childhood immunizations.
- **Month of August:** For the month of August, immunization information will be posted on the New Britain Health Department’s Facebook page for National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). The main focus will be on having all immunizations up-to-date for school/day care entry but other topics will be included as well. Immunization records will be evaluated for children who come into the health department for school/daycare entry and if vaccines are available they will be administered by nursing staff.



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- **August 19-25:** In the waiting area at the New Britain Health Department there will be information available regarding National Immunization Awareness month, and general immunization information with an emphasis on the HPV vaccine for preteen/teens.

#### **NEW HAVEN**

- **August 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am:** New Haven Health Department (NHHD) Immunization program will have an immunization education table set-up in the lobby of The Gateway Center Building located at 54 Meadow Street, New Haven. Handouts for parents and free give aways will be available.
- **August 16<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12pm:** New Haven IAP will have an immunization education at the New Haven WIC office located at 1450 Chapel Street, New Haven. Handouts and free give aways will be available.
- **August 24<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm:** NHHD Immunization program will have an immunization education table set-up in the lobby of The Gateway Center Building located at 54 Meadow Street, New Haven. Handouts for parents and free give aways will be available.
- **August 31<sup>st</sup> 10am to 2pm:** NHHD Immunization program will have an immunization education table set-up in the lobby of The Gateway Center Building located at 54 Meadow Street, New Haven. Handouts for parents and free give aways will be available.

#### **NORWALK**

**Month of August:** Contact: Pam Bates, RN, BSN, Norwalk IAP Coordinator [ptb50@aol.com](mailto:ptb50@aol.com) 203-854-7728

- Immunization information will be posted and available for the taking for people across the lifespan at the **Norwalk Health Department lobby** outside the WIC office, 137 East Avenue, Norwalk. The display will be changed each week to follow CDC's National theme that highlights immunizations for: school-age children, pregnant women, babies and young children, preteens and teens, and adults. Immunization schedules for children, teens and adults will be posted. Information about CT's *NEW* immunization information system, "CT WiZ", will be featured. FREE giveaways!
- Immunization information for pregnant women and infants will be posted and available for the taking on the **Norwalk Hospital Maternity Unit** at Norwalk Hospital, 34 Maple Street, Norwalk. CT's *NEW* immunization information system, "CT WiZ will be highlighted. FREE giveaways!
- **Norwalk Health Department's Facebook Page** - Check out posts to honor each week's theme at: <https://www.facebook.com/norwalkhealth>
- **Norwalk Health Department's Twitter Page** - Follow Norwalk Health Department's tweets regarding immunizations for people across the lifespan at: @norwalkhealth

**August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am – CIRTS Immunization Record Check** will be performed at the **Norwalk Health Department**, 137 East Avenue, Norwalk—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. Those interested in learning more about Family and Children Agency's family support programs may contact: Patricia Santos at: 203-523-5357 or email: [psantos@fcagency.org](mailto:psantos@fcagency.org)

#### **STAMFORD**

- **Month of August:** Rysing Star Learning Center at 137 Henry Street, Stamford  
Stamford IAP Coordinator will have an informational table set up with the CDC Immunization schedule for all ages along with informative handouts, brochures and information about CIRTS.



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- **Every Tuesday & Wednesday in August:** Well Child Clinic at 137 Henry Street, Stamford  
An educational table will be set up in the Stamford, promoting vaccination as a disease fighting tool; vaccines recommended in 2018 for each age group; diseases prevented through vaccination. Handouts for parents, bibs for babies and activity books for children will be offered.
- **Every Wednesday in August:** Optimus Clinic 1351 Washington Blvd, Stamford WIC  
The IAP coordinator will be meeting with prenatal mothers at the Optimus Clinic every Wednesday morning. 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. Baby Bibs will be handed out as well as CIRTS and vaccine information. Quickly see when your child needs each vaccine with CDC's parent friendly immunization schedule. Call the Stamford Health Department's Immunization Program nurse to learn more at 203.977.5098. <https://go.usa.gov/xna9F> #NIAM18
- **Beat the rush:** Get your preteens and teens back-to-school vaccines now! Call the Stamford Health Department's Immunization Program nurse to learn more at 203.977.5098. <http://go.usa.gov/chHcS> #NIAM18
- **Checking off your to-do list before the kids head back to school?** Remember to get everyone in your family the vaccines they need. Call the Stamford Health Department Immunization Program nurse to learn more 203.977.5098 <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/index.html> #NIAM18

#### **TORRINGTON**

- **July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am:** 350 Main St, 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!
- **August 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-12pm:** 350 Main Street, Torrington WIC Office, “Breastfeeding Is the Foundation of Life Brunch”, Will be making a plant garden, check out display of information on Babies and Young Children: A healthy start begins with on-time vaccinations and Pregnant Women: Protect yourself and pass protection on to your baby!
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup> 5-7pm:** Cops and Kids Day at Besse Park, Torrington, Information for Preteens and Teens: Ensure a healthy future with vaccines
- **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!

#### **WEST HAVEN**

For National Immunization Awareness Month the West Haven IAP Coordinator is teaming with the Orange Health Department, Quinnipiac Valley Health Department, West Haven Health Department and Local Libraries to put on an educational reading program for children between the ages of 2-4. Children will listen to the story of Felicity who visits the zoo, but doesn't use a tissue when she sneezes achoo, and causes quite the hullabaloo in the book “Felicity Floo Visits the Zoo.” Children will also learn a song about hygiene, and the Health Departments will use the Glow Germ activity to show the importance of washing hands. Children will also be able to create their own ‘germy’ craft! The IAP Coordinator will provide educational materials regarding vaccines to parents. Locations and times include:

- **August 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am at the Case Memorial Library in Orange, CT
- **August 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11:15am at the West Haven Public Library, West Haven, CT
- **September 6<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am at the Whitneyville Library, Hamden, CT



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#### WATERBURY

- **End of July and throughout 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.
- **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.
- **1<sup>st</sup> week of August:** materials to a few Waterbury area OB/GYN offices (such as DPH's “Up your Flu IQ” Pregnancy, the Flu and You”)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> week of August:** Focus on Babies and Young Children: providing additional brochures and a few assorted goodies to the WIC waiting area, WTBY HD clinical waiting area, and a few specific OBGYN offices, such as baby bibs bearing the immunization visit schedule.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> week through the end of August and into September:**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup>** 1-5pm. IAP Program will participate in the faith-based community outreach event, sponsored by Primera Iglesia Pentecostal Casa del Alfarero at Library Park, Waterbury. Program is FREE and open to anyone in need.  
**August 22<sup>nd</sup>** 12-3pm. IAP Program will be attending the “Back-to School” Rally at Library Park in Waterbury. The event is sponsored by the Waterbury Youth Services and the Waterbury Department of Education. **The Rally is FREE and open to all Waterbury school children and their families. Adolescent vaccination** will be the focus of the IAP display/materials. Simple back to school supplies will be offered.

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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>

