



April 24 – 30, 2022

## Public Immunization Events in Connecticut

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is yearly observance highlighting the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and promoting healthy communities.

View NIIW resources [here](#)



DPH and IAPs on Social Media

Below are the local Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Coordinators' events located throughout the state!

### Bridgeport, Stamford and Greenwich IAP

Contact: Maggie Litwin, Bridgeport IAP Coordinator (203) 726-0061 [mlitwin@swctahec.org](mailto:mlitwin@swctahec.org) or Sarah Altieri, Stamford/Greenwich IAP Coordinator (475) 988-5008 [saltieri@swctahec.org](mailto:saltieri@swctahec.org)

**April 24 – April 30, 2022** The IAP Program will be providing new parent care packs at the birthing hospitals in Bridgeport, Stamford and Greenwich to distribute to new parents with babies born throughout NIIW. Each new parent care pack will include a letter from the IAP Program and will be filled with infant immunization educational materials and other items. We will also be providing care packs for birthing hospital staff. Each care pack will include a letter from the IAP Program, and will be filled with information about CT WiZ, infant immunization educational materials specifically for healthcare professionals, as well as other items.

**April 24 – April 30, 2022** We will be providing digital information about infant and prenatal immunizations to the Bridgeport and Stamford WIC programs to be distributed to clients.

**April 24 – April 30, 2022** Check us out on Facebook, Instagram and our custom Sway Page for information, videos and educational opportunities for the community and healthcare professionals in the area focusing on immunizations and their importance for infants and prenatal women:

- [Facebook](#)
- Instagram: [@swahec\\_ct](#)
- [Sway Page](#)
- Check out updates on the Bridgeport, Stamford and Greenwich Patch Community Forums.

### Hartford and Greater Hartford area IAP

Contact: Dionne Kotey, IAP Coordinator (860) 527-0856 x1225 [dionnek@hispanichealthcouncil.org](mailto:dionnek@hispanichealthcouncil.org)

**April 24 – April 30, 2022** Daily social media messages posted during NIIW to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of vaccines and how they protect their children against vaccine-preventable diseases as well as vaccine safety. Follow/like us on:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Hispanic Health Council website](#)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Community partners will receive at least one email with educational materials to share with their clients and networks.

**April 24- April 30, 2022** IAP staff will mail out educational materials to parents of children 0-24 months enrolled in the Hispanic Health Council's Comadrona Program & the City of Hartford's Maternal Infant Outreach Program (MIOP).



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**April 24- April 30, 2022** IAP staff will distribute bags with educational items, immunization information and the 2022 immunization schedule to WIC offices, YMCA Early Learning Centers and other early childhood education centers (TBD) across all towns in the Hartford & Greater Hartford IAP service area.

**April 24- April 30, 2022** IAP staff will work with the Comadrona team to verify (via CT WiZ) whether all children 0-24 months enrolled in the program are up to date with their immunizations.

**April 22, 2022** IAP staff will table at the Hispanic Health Council's free food pantry at Templo Fe Church in Hartford to distribute information about CT WiZ, child immunizations and educational items.

**April 27, 2022** IAP staff will table at the free Community Clinic at the Hispanic Health Council 590 Park Street, Hartford to provide information about CT WiZ & child immunizations.

### **Ledge Light Health District IAP**

Contact: Cindy Barry, MA, IAP Coordinator (860) 448-4882 ext. 1302 [cbarry@llhd.org](mailto:cbarry@llhd.org)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Groton Municipal Television will air a video PSA. The print, radio and video PSA will also be sent to 40 other media outlets. To view the PSA [click here!](#)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Lawrence and Memorial Hospital Birthing Center and a local consignment shops will distribute 300 bags to new parents (containing a bookmark, medicine spoon, vaccine record, hand sanitizer, LLHD IAP brochure, and vaccine information). The hospital will display a large NIIW poster in their birthing center reception area. 365 Montauk Ave, New London

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Twelve local libraries will distribute 2,000 bookmarks (10 Reasons to Vaccinate Your Baby) and display an accompanying poster.

**April 24- April 30, 2022** An ad will appear in local newspapers targeting communities with low immunization rates in birth to two years of age population.

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Radio PSA and interview (on April 28,2022) at WBLQ, the local station which serves the area and is a popular source of information for residents of North Stonington, Stonington and Pawcatuck.

**April 24- April 30, 2022** A launch of the new Infant Immunization Workgroup through Children First Groton and press release.

**April 27, 2022** Ledge Light Health District will attend the Childhood Wellness Fair at the US Navy Sub Base Fleet and Family Support Center, located at 100 Tern Rd. Groton, CT.

During the month of April an article will appear in the Mystic and Niantic Neighbors Magazine.

### **Naugatuck Valley Health District IAP**

Contact: Elizabeth Green, BS, IAP Coordinator (203) 881-3255 [egreen@nvhd.org](mailto:egreen@nvhd.org)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** An informational table will be displayed in the 2nd floor waiting area outside of WIC Naugatuck Valley Health District 98 Bank Street in Seymour. Information will focus on prenatal women and infants but will also include vaccination information throughout the lifespan.



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**April 24- April 30, 2022** An informational table will be displayed in the clinic room at Naugatuck Valley Health District 98 Bank Street in Seymour where routine vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines are administered. Vaccine information for all ages will be available with a focus on NIIW.

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Throughout the week, we will be posting on social media to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of vaccination in protecting their children from birth against vaccine-preventable diseases, and about vaccine safety. Like us on:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Naugatuck Valley Health District website](#)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Promotional emails will also be sent to clinics within NVHD's jurisdiction promoting NIIW.

### New Britain Health Department IAP

Contact: Meeghan Doris, MPH, IAP Coordinator (860) 612-2777 [meeghan.doris@newbritainct.gov](mailto:meeghan.doris@newbritainct.gov)

**April 24- May 2, 2022** Immunization information and videos about the importance of being up to date with all children's vaccines will be posted on the New Britain Health Department [Facebook](#).

**April 24- May 2, 2022** Free bookmarks will be given out at the New Britain Public Library, 20 High St, New Britain and The Hospital of Central CT Birthing Center THOCC Family Birthplace, 100 Grand St, New Britain with vaccine information and resources to find local pediatricians.

### New Haven and Greater New Haven area IAP

Contact: Jennifer Roberts, IAP Coordinator (203) 946-7257 [JARoberts@newhavenct.gov](mailto:JARoberts@newhavenct.gov)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Throughout the week we will be posting on social media promoting the importance of childhood immunizations

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)

**April 24, 2022** NIIW Educational Materials will be sent to all providers in the Greater New Haven IAP area.

**April 24 – April 30, 2022** Banners promoting NIIW will be displayed in providers offices, libraries, and WIC offices in the IAP service area.

### Norwalk and Danbury area IAP

Contact: Pam Bates, RN, BSN, Norwalk area IAP Coordinator (203) 216-0575 [ptb50@aol.com](mailto:ptb50@aol.com)

Contact: Sarah Foristel, BS, Norwalk/Danbury area Outreach worker (203) 940-5220 [sforistel@norwalkct.org](mailto:sforistel@norwalkct.org)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** IAP staff will deliver free resources that display positive vaccine messaging to Norwalk and Danbury area pediatric providers and birthing hospitals that can be given to patients and families to promote immunizations.

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### April 19, 2022 10:00am-4:00pm CT WiZ/Immunization Record Check at WIC

Many children missed important check-ups and immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic. NOW is the time to make sure your child is up to date and protected from many dangerous diseases! Attendees can stop by the lobby outside of the WIC office at the Norwalk Health Dept. at any time throughout the day to receive information regarding the CT Immunization Information System (CT WiZ), childhood vaccines, vaccine safety, and the whooping cough vaccine. Health Department staff will check the immunization records of children enrolled in CT WiZ. If not already registered, children can be entered in the program. This FREE event is open to the public. Free educational items!

More information about the childhood immunization program can be found on the Norwalk Health Dept.'s [Facebook](#) or [website](#). Norwalk Health Dept. 137 East Avenue, Norwalk 06851

**April 28, 2022 11:00am** “Shots for Tots” Talk for FCA’s, Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program, Norwalk Health Department staff will provide a presentation to families enrolled in the Parents as Teacher’s Program (PAT). PAT is a support program for young families offered by Family and Children’s Agency (FCA) of Norwalk. The attendees will learn about the vaccinations needed for young children, the immunization schedule, the CT Immunization Information System (CT WiZ), and receive tips on how to keep their children up-to-date. The event is free for FCA clients. It is not open to the public.

Those interested in learning more about Family and Children Agency’s family support programs may contact: Margaret Woglom at: 203-523-5341 or email: [mwoglom@fcagency.org](mailto:mwoglom@fcagency.org)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Immunization information for pregnant women and infants will be posted and available for the taking on the Norwalk and Danbury Hospital maternity units as well as the CT Childbirth and Women’s Center. CT’s Immunization Information System (IIS), CT WiZ will be highlighted.

- Norwalk Hospital Maternity Unit, 34 Maple Street, Norwalk, CT
- Danbury Hospital Maternity Unit, 24 Hospital Ave., Danbury, CT
- CT Childbirth and Women’s Center, 94 Locust Ave., Danbury, CT

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- Check out posts about infant immunizations on [Facebook](#)
- Follow Norwalk Health Department’s tweets about infant immunizations at: [@norwalkhealth](#)
- Information about the childhood immunization program, immunization schedules, and CT WiZ can be found on the [Norwalk Health Department’s website](#)

### Torrington Area Health District IAP

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**April 24- April 30, 2022** Posters in English and Spanish that encourage vaccination against Whooping Cough and “How Vaccines Strengthen Your Baby’s Immune System” will be used in NIIW displays throughout the month in public locations like USPS and grocery stores.

**April 24- April 30, 2022** We will be posting related contents every day on Social Media that week.

**April 12, 2022** We will attend an Easter Event hosted by Family Strides on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Bannon Street Park where we will be promoting NIIW.



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**April 14, 2022** We will attend and promote NIIW at Health Fair from 4pm-8pm at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, 540 Litchfield St, Torrington.

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Displays including brochures on immunizations for pregnant women and infants, posters, handouts addressing “Why Pregnant Women and Babies Need Vaccines” created from CDC website content, and other items will be at the following locations:

- Sharon Hospital Maternity Ward at Sharon Hospital 50 Hospital Hill Rd, Sharon
- Kidsplay Museum 61 Main St, Torrington
- WIC and Family Strides Waiting Room 350 Main St STE C, Torrington
- Torrington Library (Will include children’s books) 12 Daycoeton Pl, Torrington

### **Waterbury Health Department IAP**

Contact: Natasha Arce, IAP Coordinator (203) 346.3907 x7222 [narce@waterburyct.org](mailto:narce@waterburyct.org)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** Waterbury Immunization Program will conduct online activities throughout National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). Immunization staff will post videos and educational materials on the importance of immunizations for the target audience of children, parents and pregnant mothers.

Daily Online Activities can be found on [Facebook!](#)

**April 24- April 30, 2022** WIC Program located at 185 South Main St. Waterbury, CT 06706- Waterbury Immunization Program will have an educational display table filled with colorful brochures & educational items for public.

**April 24- April 30, 2022** IAP staff will be delivering vaccine educational brochures & items to all Waterbury pediatric offices to offer to patients.

**April 25- April 29, 2022** St. Mary’s Women’s & Infants Center located at 56 Franklin St. Waterbury, CT 06706- Waterbury Immunization Program will have an educational display table filled with colorful brochures & educational items for patients and their families.

**April 26, 2022 from 1:00pm-4:00pm** Team Inc. Early Childhood Program located at 25 Rumford St. Waterbury, CT 06704 - Waterbury Immunization Program will have an educational display table filled with colorful brochures & educational items. IAP staff will be present to answer questions. This event is not open to public.