

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

View NIIW resources here

Below are the local Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Coordinator's local events:

Bridgeport, Stamford, and Greenwich

Contacts: Maggie Litwin (Bridgeport) (203) 615-3044 <u>mlitwin@swctahec.org</u> or Sarah Altieri (Stamford/Greenwich) (203) 615-2354 <u>saltieri@swctahec.org</u>

Check out **Southwestern AHEC's social media and webpage** for information, videos and educational opportunities for the community and healthcare professionals focusing on immunizations and their importance for infants and prenatal women all week long during NIIW!

- o Facebook
- o Instagram
- Patch Community Forums: Check out updates on the Bridgeport, Stamford, and Greenwich Patch community forums.

IAPs will have a table with immunization educational materials and will be available to answer questions at the following events:

 April 21, 2025 – 9:30am–12:00pm – Optimus WIC Program – 1450 Barnum Ave #205, Bridgeport, CT (Open to WIC clients)

April 21–28, 2025 – Greenwich Health Department - 101 Field Point Rd, Greenwich, CT. Educational immunization information for infants and pregnant moms will be distributed all week long during NIIW.

Hartford and Greater Hartford Area

Contacts: Deborah Cruz (860) 527-0856 x14115 dcruz@hispanichealthcouncil.org Lesly Otero (860) 527-0856 x1228 Leslyo@hispanichealthcouncil.org

Check out **Hispanic Health Council's social media and webpage** for bilingual 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.

- o <u>Facebook</u>
- 0 <u>X</u>
- o Instagram
- o <u>Hispanic Health Council website</u>

IAPs will be present at the following events to share immunization educational information and CT WiZ resources to the public:

- April 23, 2025 1:30pm-4:00pm Hartford Healthcare Free Clinic 590 Park Street, Hartford, CT
- April 25, 2025 10am-11am Catholic Charities 45 Wadsworth St, Hartford CT. This event includes a presentation focusing on measles.
- April 25, 2025 3:30pm-5:30pm Enfield Loaves and Fishes INC. 23 North Main St, Enfield, CT



Ledge Light Health District

Contact: Cindy Barry (860) 448-4882 ext. 1302 cbarry@llhd.org

Educational materials including "10 Reasons to Immunize You Baby" bookmarks and posters will be displayed at health and social services organizations during the month of April at the following organizations:

- Children First Groton 83 Huntington St, New London, CT
 - o contact: Yinori Ocampo at cfgoutreachcoordinator@gmail.com
- Lawrence and Memorial Hospital's Birthing Center 365 Montauk Ave, New London, CT
 - o contact: Lauren Lary at 860-442-0711x2446
- City of New London Early Childhood & Family Program 111 Union St, New London, CT
 - o contact: Tina Salcedo at 860-447-0459
- Ledge Light Health District IAP Program 216 Broad St, New London, CT
 - o contact: Cindy Barry at 860-448-4883

Check out LLHD's Social Media Campaign during NIIW!

- o <u>LLHD website</u>
- <u>Facebook</u>
- 0 X
- o <u>Instagram</u>

To get your new parent packet please contact Ledge Light Health District at 860-448-4883!

Naugatuck Valley Health District (NVHD)

Contact: Elizabeth Mester (203) 881-3255x109 emester@nvhd.org

Check out **NVHD's social media and webpage** for postings to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of vaccination in protecting their children against vaccine-preventable diseases, and about vaccine safety throughout NIIW. Like us on:

- o NVHD website
- o Facebook
- 0 X
- o <u>Instagram</u>
- o LinkedIn

April 26, 2025 – 11am-2pm – Griffin Hospital Baby Fair – 130 Division Street, Derby, CT. The event is free for participants. Various agencies, including NVHD IAP, will have tables full of information and giveaways for new and expecting parents.

New Britain Health Department

Contact: Francine Truglio, 860-826-3464 Francine.Truglio@newbritainct.gov

Health Department staff will have a table with infant immunization educational materials and will be available to answer questions at the following events:

- April 21–25, 2025 New Britain Health Department 61 Pearl Street New Britain, CT
- April 23, 2025 9:00am–11:30am New Britain Public Library 20 High St, New Britain CT



New Haven Health Department/Greater New Haven Area

Contact: Jennifer Hall, IAP Coordinator (203) 946-7257 Jhall@newhavenct.gov

IAPs will have a table with immunization educational materials and will be available to answer questions at the following events:

- April 22, 2025 2:00pm-4:30pm WHEAT, Inc. 674 Washington Ave, West Haven
- April 23, 2025 9:30am–12:30pm NHV Health Wellness Clinic 424 Chapel St. New Haven CT
- April 23, 2025 5:30pm-7:00pm Title 1 Parent Engagement Event, Barnard School 170 Derby Ave. New Haven CT (This event is for enrolled parents and is closed to the Public)

Look for banners with immunization information at provider offices and libraries in the area during NIIW!

Norwalk Health Department/Danbury Area

Contacts: Pam Bates (203)216-0575 pbates@norwalkct.gov Sarah Foristel (203)940-5220 sforistel@norwalkct.gov

Visit the **Norwalk Health Department** (137 East Avenue, Norwalk CT) 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 any time throughout the day to receive information regarding the Connecticut Immunization Information System (CT WiZ), childhood vaccines, vaccine safety, and the whooping cough vaccine. Additionally, Health Department staff will be available to check the immunization records of children during the following times:

- April 21–22, 2025 9:00am-11:30am and 1:00pm-4:00pm
- April 21–22, 2025 9:00am-11:30am

April 23, 2025 – 11:00am-12:00pm – "Shots for Tots" Talk for Family and Children's Agency (FCA) Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program - Norwalk Health Department staff will provide a presentation to families enrolled in the PAT. The attendees will learn about the vaccinations needed for young children, the immunization schedule, CT WiZ, and receive tips on how to keep their children up to date. *The event is not open to the public.*

• Those interested in learning more about FCA's family support programs may contact: Margaret Woglom at: 203-523-5341 or mwoglom@fcagency.org

Look out for displays featuring immunization educational materials for infants and young children at the following locations during NIIW:

- Norwalk Health Department lobby, 137 East Avenue, Norwalk
- Danbury Health and Human Services lobby, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury
- Norwalk Hospital maternity unit, 34 Maple Street, Norwalk
- o **Danbury Hospital** maternity unit, 24 Hospital Avenue, Danbury

Check out Norwalk Health Department social media posts and educational information posted on our website throughout the week of NIIW!

- Facebook
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- o Instagram
- Norwalk Health Department's website



Torrington Area Health District

Contacts: Anastasiya Domnich-Kovalevsky (860) 489-0436 x314 <u>ADomnich-Kovalevsky@tahd.org</u> Joanna Keyes 860-486-0436 x306 <u>jkeyes@tahd.org</u>

Immunization resources and information will be displayed at various locations throughout the NIIW including:

- Torrington Area Health District (Parking Lot and lobby)
- WIC 350 Main St, Torrington CT
- Family Strides 350 Main St, Torrington CT
- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Maternity Floor (Each family who has a baby born during NIIW will receive a bag with a pacifier, onesie, socks and immunization materials)
- **Sharon Hospital** Maternity Floor (Each family who has a baby born during NIIW will receive a bag with a pacifier, onesie, socks and immunization materials)

The Teddy Bear Health Clinic - TAHD is partnering with Ed Advance (Torrington, Winsted and Watertown) classrooms for "The Teddy Bear Health Clinic" on multiple days (4/29, 5/6, 5/8 and 5/13). The clinic will teach children basic health concepts, body systems, and the importance of healthcare in a fun and non-intimidating environment. This program integrates play-based learning to introduce children to medical tools and functions while reinforcing positive health habits. This event is only for children enrolled at the school.

Waterbury Health Department

Contact: Victoria Caisse (203) 346.3907 x4685 vcaisse@waterburyct.org

Check out our social media for daily posts about the importance of immunizations during NIIW:

- Facebook
- Instagram

Check out our Bus AD placed on six City of Waterbury buses promoting the importance of immunizations throughout the month of April!



April 22, 2025 – 2:00pm-4:00pm – TEAM, Inc. Slocum Center – 25 Rumford St. Waterbury, CT. IAP staff will have an interactive display table filled with educational materials will be present to answer questions.

"Bee Wise Immunize" bags with educational materials regarding the importance of infant immunizations will be available at the Waterbury WIC office for new and expecting mothers throughout the week of NIIW.

Click links below to follow Connecticut Department of Public Health social media:





YouTube

Instagram