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Dear Providers,

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is April 24 – April 30, 2023. Check out the attached [2023 Connecticut NIIW activities](#) planned throughout the State.

NIIW is a yearly observance highlighting the importance of protecting children two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs). Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. Trust in vaccines is built through millions of conversations between parents, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and community members. According to CDC research, parents consistently identify healthcare professionals as their most trusted source of health and immunization information. Research also shows that many parents make vaccine decisions before their babies are even born.

COVID-19 has caused many disruptions in families' lives, and in some cases, it has meant that children have missed or delayed their wellness checkups and vaccination, which are a critical part of ensuring children stay healthy. Your valued recommendation for children to get vaccinated on-time is especially important to decrease outbreaks of preventable diseases during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Click here](#) for NIIW educational materials for your patients.

Thank you

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