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Public Immunization Events in Connecticut

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

NIIW resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html>



DPH and IAPs on Social Media

Below are the local Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Coordinator's virtual and social media events:

Bridgeport, Stamford, and Greenwich area IAP

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

April 24 – April 30, 2023 All week-long 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:** <https://www.facebook.com/SouthwesternAHEC/>
- **Instagram:** [@swahec_ct](https://www.instagram.com/swahec_ct)
- **Sway Page:** <https://sway.office.com/HmA3g3rCl12Ev9c3?ref=Link>
- **Patch Community Forums:** Check out updates on the Bridgeport, Stamford, and Greenwich Patch community forums.

Starting April 24, 2023 NIIW Bus Campaign: Be on the lookout for our NIIW bus campaign in the Greater Bridgeport and Stamford area, reminding parents that giving babies the recommended vaccinations by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious diseases. Call your child's provider today to see what vaccines they may need! For assistance finding a doctor, please call Fatawu Mahama at (475) 319-0004.

Bridgeport

Monday, April 24, 2023, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Southwest Community Health Center WIC Program - We will be promoting NIIW and distributing infant immunization information and handing out giveaway items.

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM: We will be presenting to the Greater Bridgeport Community Resources Collaboration (CRC) about NIIW and reminding about the importance of infant immunizations. This meeting is open to parents. If you would like to attend this virtual meeting, please reach out to Renee Wright rwright@favor-ct.org.

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM: OPTIMUS Health Care WIC Program - We will be promoting NIIW and distributing infant immunization information and handing out giveaway items.

Stamford

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 11:00 AM: We will be tabling outside of the Stamford Ferguson Library. We will be promoting NIIW and distributing infant immunization information and handing out giveaway items. Come see us! (Rain Date: Friday, April 28th, 2023, 11AM)



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Greenwich

April 24 – April 28, 2023: Educational immunization information and giveaway items were provided to Greenwich Health department for distribution during NIIW. All week long, Greenwich Health Department will have a table set up in the Town Hall Lobby, and a maternal and child health nurse will be at the table for part of the day to answer questions.

Hartford and Greater Hartford IAP

Contact: Ruth Gonzalez, IAP Outreach (860) 761-2411x1410 RuthG@hispanichealthcouncil.org

April 24 – April 30, 2023 Daily social media 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. Follow/Like us on:

- <https://www.facebook.com/HispanicHealthCouncil/>
- https://twitter.com/hispehealth_ct
- https://www.instagram.com/hispanichealthcouncil_ct/
- <https://www.hispanichealthcouncil.org/>

April 25, 2023 IAP staff will distribute immunization information to WIC offices, YMCA Early Learning Centers, and other early childhood education centers (TBD) across all 6 towns/cities in the Hartford & Greater Hartford IAP service area.

April 26, 2023 IAP staff will have a table set up at the Hispanic Health Council at 175 Main St. in Hartford to distribute information about CT WiZ, child immunizations, and giveaway items.

April 27- April 28, 2023 IAP staff will distribute educational flyers at the following locations:

- Mya Program Hartford, Department of Children & Families, 1 W Main St, Meriden, CT
- Windsor Discovery Center & Montessori School, 114 Palisado Ave, Windsor, CT
- East Hartford/Hartford/Middletown YMCA Infant & Toddler Care, 70A Canterbury St, East Hartford, CT
- Manchester Spring KinderCare, 481 Spring St, Manchester, CT

Ledge Light Health District IAP

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

April 2023 – Public Library Education Campaign: “10 Reasons to Immunize You Baby” bookmarks were created. Bookmarks will be accompanied by 8.5x11” easel style, table-top, posters. Bookmarks and posters will be displayed at nine regional public libraries during the month of April 2023. Libraries include:

- **Mystic Noank Library** – 40 Library St, Mystic, CT 06355
- **Groton Public Library** – 52 Newtown Road, Groton, CT 06340
- **Stonington Free Library** – 20 High St., Stonington, CT 06378
- **The Public Library of New London** – 63 Huntington Street, New London, CT 06320
- **Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library** – 2 Library Lane, Old Lyme CT 06371
- **East Lyme Public Library** – 39 Society Road, Niantic CT 05357
- **Waterford Public Library** – 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford CT 06385
- **Gales Ferry Public Library** – 15 Hurlburt Road, Gales Ferry CT 08335
- **Bill Public Library (Ledyard)** - 718 colonel Ledyard Hwy., Ledyard CT 06339



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April 2023 - LLHD Social Media Campaign: Social media messages and the National Infant Immunization Awareness Week Video, created by Groton Municipal Television and WBLQ radio will be shared on the LLHD Website, Facebook page, and Twitter.

- <https://www.facebook.com/LedgeLightHD>
- <https://www.instagram.com/ledgelighthd/>
- <https://twitter.com/LedgeLightHD>
- <https://llhd.org/healthy-communities/preventing-communicable-disease/immunization/>

April 2023 - Mass Media Campaign: PSA's and the LLHD National Infant Immunization Awareness Week Video will be shared with over 20 media outlets including radio and television, including Groton Municipal Television. The Day Newspaper will host a series of ads promoting NIIW.

April 2023 - National Infant Immunization Awareness Week Gift Bags and Education Materials will be provided to new parents through Lawrence and Memorial Hospital's Birthing Center at 365 Montauk Ave, New London, CT; TVCCA Head Start, Little Learner at 387 Bayonet St, New London, CT; Riverfront Children Center at 476 Thames St, Groton, CT; and WIC offices 83 Huntington St, New London, CT 06320, To get your new parent packet please contact Ledge Light Health District at 860-448-4883.

April 29, 2023 9:00 AM–12:00 PM Early Childhood Resource Fair: Thames River Elementary Magnet School, 250 Brandegee Ave, Groton, CT 06340. Learn about vaccine-preventable diseases and the childhood immunizations that help protect infants and children and prepare them for pre-school and elementary school. Gift bags and education materials will be available.

Naugatuck Valley IAP

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

April 24- April 30, 2023 An informational table will be displayed in the clinic room at Naugatuck Valley Health District's Annex, 98 Bank Street in Seymour where routine vaccines including the COVID-19 vaccines are administered. NIIW will be the focus, but vaccine information for all ages will be available.

April 24- April 30, 2023 Throughout the week, there will be NIIW social media postings to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of vaccination in protecting their children against vaccine-preventable diseases, and about vaccine safety. Like us on:

- <https://www.facebook.com/NaugatuckValleyHD/>
- <https://twitter.com/NaugValleyHD>
- <https://www.instagram.com/naugatuckvalleyhd>
- www.nvhd.org

New Britain IAP

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

April 22, 2023, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM New Britain Health Department will be participating in the New Britain Community Baby Shower at Wheeler Health, 40 Hart Street, New Britain, CT. Expecting mothers and their families are invited for health education to support pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum, and workshops on breastfeeding and doula care. There will be food, prizes and giveaways, and activities for kids! For more



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information and to reserve a spot for free visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-britain-community-baby-shower-tickets-598996032257>

April 24-30, 2023 Immunization information and videos about the importance of being up to date with all children's vaccines will be posted on the New Britain Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NewBritainCT>.

April 24-30, 2023 Vaccine education and goody bags will be given to new mothers at The Hospital of Central CT Family Birthplace, 100 Grand St, New Britain, CT.

New Haven and West Haven IAP

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

April 24- April 30, 2023 Throughout the week we will be posting on social media promoting the importance of childhood immunizations:

- <https://www.facebook.com/NHPublicHealth>
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)

April 24- April 30, 2023 New Haven and West Haven residents can learn more about childhood vaccinations and getting vaccinated on our website NHVVAX.org.

April 24- April 30, 2023 Throughout the week look for PSA announcement promoting NIIW on <http://www.nhtv.com/> North Haven.

April 24, 2023 NIIW Educational Materials will be available at all providers offices in the Greater New Haven IAP area.

April 24 – April 30, 2023 - Banners promoting NIIW will be displayed in provider offices and libraries in the IAP area.

April 26, 2023, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at 54 Meadow Street New Haven, 1st floor – Immunization Tabling for residents to visit with our immunization team. Immunization literature will be available and FREE giveaways. Open to the public.

April 24 – April 26, 2023 – Tabling events at the following libraries in the Greater New Haven area distributing immunization educational materials for the families that visit their library, FREE giveaways will be included. Open to the public.

- **April 24, 2023, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM** Stepson Public Library 197 Dixwell Ave, New Haven
- **April 25, 2023, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM** Wilson Library 303 Washington Ave., New Haven
- **April 26, 2023, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM** IVES Main 133 Elm St. New Haven
- **April 26, 2023, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM** Mitchell Library 37 Harrison St. New Haven

Norwalk/Danbury area IAP

Contact: Pam Bates, RN, BSN, Norwalk/Danbury area IAP Coordinator (203)216-0575 pbates@norwalkct.gov

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April 24, 2023, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM Norwalk Health Department, 137 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT
CT WiZ/Immunization Record Check - Visit the Norwalk Health Department 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. 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 promotional items!

April 25, 2023, 10:30 AM–11:30 AM “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. Attendees will learn about the vaccinations needed for young children, the immunization schedule, the Connecticut Immunization Information System (CT WiZ), COVID-19 vaccines, and receive tips on how to keep their children up-to-date. 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

April 24 – April 30, 2023 Norwalk Health Dept, main lobby, 137 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT and Danbury Health and Human Services main lobby, 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT – Displays featuring immunization information for infants and young children will be posted and available for the taking!

April 24 – April 30, 2023 Norwalk Hospital maternity unit, 34 Maple Street, Norwalk, CT, and Danbury Hospital maternity unit, 24 Hospital Ave., Danbury, CT – Immunization information for pregnant women and infants will be posted and available for the taking on the Norwalk and Danbury Hospital maternity units. Connecticut Immunization Information System (IIS), “CT WiZ” will be highlighted.

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- Check out our posts about infant immunizations at: <https://www.facebook.com/norwalkhealth>
- Follow Norwalk Health Department’s tweets about infant immunizations at: [@norwalkhealth](https://twitter.com/norwalkhealth)
- Follow us for posts about infant vaccines on Instagram at: <https://www.instagram.com/norwalkhealth/>
- Information about the childhood immunization program, immunization schedules, and CT WiZ can be found on the Norwalk Health Department’s website: www.norwalkct.org/health

Torrington Area IAP

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April 25, 2023, 2:30-4pm Ed Advance 215 Hogan Dr, Torrington, CT - Outreach workers will be available to speak to parents about immunizations for mothers and babies, give out informational handouts and goody bags, educate on using CT WiZ, and promote NIIW.

April 24 – April 30, 2023 Charlotte Hungerford Hospital – Maternity Floor, Torrington, CT, and Sharon Hospital Maternity Floor– Check out NIIW displays all week with colorful immunization posters, custom made “*Love Them, Protect Them, Immunize Them*” bookmarks, and educational materials.



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April 24 – April 30, 2023 WIC 350 Main St, Torrington, CT – Visit the table and get NIIW goodie bags for new mothers with information on vaccines for mothers and babies as well as giveaways.

April 24 – April 30, 2023 See our NIIW sign all week at 350 Main Street in Torrington, CT

Waterbury IAP

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April 24 – April 30, 2023 Waterbury Immunization Program will conduct online activities throughout National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). Immunization staff will post videos and education materials on the importance of immunizations for the target audience of children, parents, and pregnant mothers. Daily Online Activities can be found here: www.facebook.com/waterburyhealthdepartment

April 24 – April 30, 2023 IAP staff will be delivering vaccine educational brochures & items to all Waterbury pediatric offices to offer to patients.

April 24 – April 30, 2023 IAP staff will be delivering educational gift bags regarding the importance of infant immunizations to local daycares in the area.

April 25, 2023 Waterbury IAP staff will be providing Team Inc. Early Childhood Program with CT WiZ tote bags that will include educational brochures & items to provide to parents.

April 24 – April 30, 2023 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. This event is not open to public.

April 24 – April 30, 2023 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.

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- [Social Links](#)
- [YouTube](#)