



April 22 – 29, 2024

## 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.

View NIIW resources: [here](#)



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](mailto:mlitwin@swctahec.org) or Sarah Altieri, Stamford/Greenwich IAP Coordinator (475) 988-5008 [saltieri@swctahec.org](mailto:saltieri@swctahec.org)

**April 22 – April 29, 2024** All week long check us out on Facebook and Instagram 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](#)
- **Patch Community Forums:** Check out updates on the Bridgeport, Stamford, and Greenwich Patch community forums.

### Bridgeport

**Monday, April 22, 2024 1:00 – 4:00 PM: Optimus WIC Program\_1450 Barnum Ave #205, Bridgeport.** We will be tabling at Optimus WIC in Bridgeport promoting NIIW and distributing infant immunization information and giveaway items in prepacked bags.

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:00 – 11:00 AM:** We will be sharing updates with 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](mailto:rwright@favor-ct.org).

### Stamford

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM:** We will be tabling at **Stamford WIC 805 Atlantic St**, promoting NIIW and distributing infant immunization information and giveaway items in prepacked bags.

### Greenwich

**April 22 – April 29, 2024:** Educational immunization information and giveaway items were provided to Greenwich Health department for distribution during NIIW. Greenwich Health Department will be distributing these all week long.

### Hartford and Greater Hartford IAP

Contact: Deborah Cruz, IAP Coordinator (860) 527-0856x14115 [deborahc@hispanichealthcouncil.org](mailto:deborahc@hispanichealthcouncil.org)

**April 22 – April 29, 2024** 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:

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



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**April 19, 2024 4:30 – 6 PM: Hispanic Health Council 590 Park St. Hartford** Family Night- families are invited to join the Hispanic Health Council for a night full of games, domino tournament and education. IAP staff will have a table set up to distribute information about CT WiZ, child immunizations, and giveaway items.

**April 20, 2024 12:30 – 5:00 PM: Pope Park 30 Bartholomew Ave, Hartford:** Health fair for families and kids. General education will be provided in regard to summer programs. IAP staff will have a table set up to distribute information about CT WiZ, childhood immunizations, and giveaway items.

**April 24, 2024 2:30 - 4:30 PM: Family Wellness Center 30 Bartholomew Ave, Hartford:** Family Fun Community Day- Health fair for families and kids. Where general education will be provided in regards of summer programs. IAP staff will have a table set up to distribute information about CT WiZ, childhood immunizations, and giveaway items.

**April 24, 2024 8:45 - 10 AM: Hispanic Health Council 590 Park St. Hartford:** Infant Immunization Community Presentation "Construyendo Familias Saludables" Open to the public- the event is for parents with babies under 2 years of age. During this presentation, several educational sessions will be held regarding breastfeeding, immunizations, and developmental stages. Presentation will be in Spanish.

**April 25, 2024 2:30 – 4:30 PM: Catholic Charities 45 Wadsworth St, Hartford:** Private event at a Day Care program where parents will be provided with CT WiZ information.

**April 26, 2024 9:30 AM– 12:00 PM: Manchester Public Library 586 Main St, Manchester:** Open for the public - the library is hosting an event for preschoolers with fun activities and reading sessions. IAP staff will have a table set up to distribute information about CT WiZ, childhood immunizations, and giveaway items.

**April 26, 2024 11AM - 2:00 PM: Hartford Healthcare Clinic 590 Park Street, Hartford:** Open to the public- free clinic where health screenings will be done for the public regardless of insurance. Criteria are adults over 18 years old.

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

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

**April 2024 – Public Library Education Campaign:** “10 Reasons to Immunize You Baby” bookmarks and posters will be displayed at nine regional public libraries during the month of April 2024. 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

**April 2024 - Mass Media Campaign:** PSAs 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.



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**April 2024 - LLHD Social Media Campaign:** Social media messages and the National Infant Immunization Awareness Week Video, created by Groton Municipal Television and WCTY radio will be shared on the LLHD Website, Facebook page, and X.

- [LLHD website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [X](#)
- [Instagram](#)

**April 2024 - 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**. To get your new parent packet please contact Ledge Light Health District at 860-448-4883.

### **Naugatuck Valley IAP**

Contact: Elizabeth Mester, IAP Coordinator (203) 881-3255x109 [emester@nvhd.org](mailto:emester@nvhd.org)

**April 22- April 30, 2024** 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:

- [NVHD website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [X](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)

**May 4, 2024 10 AM – 2 PM: Griffin Hospital Baby Fair, 130 Division Street, Derby:** Expectant parents, new parents and their families are invited to learn about the Childbirth Center and area maternity and childcare resources. This free event features many exhibitors, special offers and discounts, raffles, door prizes, tours of the Childbirth Center and information about the Center's classes and support groups for before and after childbirth. For any more information, contact Heather Pickerign at 203-732-7385 or

[cbceducation@griffinhealth.org](mailto:cbceducation@griffinhealth.org).

For more information about The Childbirth Center at Griffin Hospital, call 203-732-7252 or visit [griffinhealth.org/baby](http://griffinhealth.org/baby).

### **New Britain IAP**

Contact: Alexander Duarte, MPH, IAP Coordinator (860) 612-2777 [alexander.duarte@newbritainct.gov](mailto:alexander.duarte@newbritainct.gov)

**April 22 – April 29, 2024, New Britain Health Department 61 Pearl Street New Britain:** An educational display will be set up in the waiting area with materials focused on infant immunizations and the importance of keeping children up to date on their vaccines. The IAP coordinator will be on site to answer any questions.

### **New Haven/Greater New Haven Area IAP**

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

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- [NHVVAX.org](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [X](#)
- [Instagram](#)



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**April 23, 2024 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM: WHEAT, Inc. 674 Washington Ave, West Haven:** Greater New Haven IAP staff will host an educational table and will be disseminating immunization materials as residents come to pick up their food, free give-a-ways will also be available. (Open to the Public)

**April 27, 2024 10 AM - 3 PM: TJay Autism Foundation Awareness Walk - Dixwell “Q” House 197 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven:** Immunization outreach at the Dixwell “Q” as the TJay Autism Foundation sponsors a walk for Autism. The Greater New Haven IAP staff will host an educational table, disseminating immunization material, free giveaways will also be available. (Open to the Public).

### Norwalk/Danbury area IAP

Contact: Pam Bates, Norwalk/Danbury area IAP Coordinator (203)216-0575 [pbates@norwalkct.gov](mailto:pbates@norwalkct.gov) or Sarah Foristel, Norwalk/Danbury area IAP Outreach worker (203)940-5220 [sforistel@norwalkct.gov](mailto:sforistel@norwalkct.gov)

**April 22 – April 23, 2024, 9 AM - 12 PM and April 24, 2024 1- 4 PM: Norwalk Health Department, 137 East Avenue, Norwalk:** 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, 2024, 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. The attendees will learn about the vaccinations needed for young children, the immunization schedule, the Connecticut 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 22 – April 29, 2024 Norwalk Health Dept Main Lobby 137 East Avenue, Norwalk and Danbury Health and Human Services Main Lobby 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury:** Displays featuring immunization information for infants and young children will be posted and available for the taking!

**April 22 – April 29, 2024 Norwalk Hospital Maternity Unit, 34 Maple St, Norwalk and Danbury Hospital Maternity Unit, 24 Hospital Ave, Danbury:** 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.

**April 22 – April 29, 2024** Throughout the week, there will be NIIW social media posts and educational information posted on our website!

- [Facebook](#)
- [X](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Norwalk Health Department’s website](#)



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### **Torrington Area IAP**

Contact: Anastasiya Domnich-Kovalevsky, IAP Coordinator (860) 489-0436 x314

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**April 23, 2024, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Ed Advance 215 Hogan Dr. Torrington:** 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 22 – 29, 2024 Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Maternity Floor:** All week, check out the NIIW display, which features custom-made “Love Them, Protect Them, Immunize Them” bookmarks and educational materials.

**April 22 – 29, 2024, WIC 350 Main St, Torrington:** Visit the table to get NIW goodie bags for new mothers. The table will also have vaccine information for mothers and babies and giveaways.

**April 22 – 29, 2024 Salvation Army 234 Oak Ave, Torrington:** Outreach worker will have a table set up to distribute giveaway items, information about CT WiZ, and child immunization.

**April 22 – 29, 2024** Listen on the FM 97.3 WZBG radio station CDC PSA for infant-specific vaccinations sponsored by TAHD.

**April 22 - 29, 2024 350 Main Street in Torrington:** Look for NIIW sign displayed all week.

### **Waterbury IAP**

Contact: Victoria Caisse, IAP Outreach Coordinator (203) 346.3907 x4685 [vcaisse@waterburyct.org](mailto:vcaisse@waterburyct.org)

**April 22, 2024 – April 29, 2024** Waterbury Immunization Program will actively promote throughout National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). Immunization staff will post educational materials on the importance of immunizations for the target audience of infants, parents, and pregnant mothers.

Daily Online Activities can be found here:

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

**April, May, June 2024** Check out our Bus AD placed on 6 different City of Waterbury buses advertising the importance of immunizations. Bus Ad will run for the month of April, May, and June.

**April 23, 2024 2:30 – 4 PM: TEAM, Inc. Slocum Center 25 Rumford St. Waterbury:** Waterbury Immunization Program will have an interactive display table filled with educational brochures & items for students. IAP staff will be present to answer questions. The event is *not* open to the public.

**April 24, 2024 9:30 – 11:30 AM: Silas Bronson Library 267 Grand St Waterbury:** Waterbury Immunization Program will have an interactive display table filled with educational brochures & items for parents. IAP staff will be present to answer questions. Event is open to public.

**April 27, 2024 9:30 – 11:30 AM: Waterbury PAL Facility 64 Division St Waterbury:** EmpowHer Expo Resource Fair. Waterbury Immunization Program will have an interactive display table filled with educational brochures & items for parents. IAP staff will be present to answer questions. Event is open to public.

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