

SPECIAL
POINTS OF IN-
TEREST:

- No parent wants to protect their child halfway. So stick to the schedule .
- August is National Immunization Awareness Month
- For more information on VPD's and immunization schedules please visit the link below.

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This Week in Epi

WEEK 2

08/19/2019 - 08/23/2019

Don't Wait—Vaccinate!

Vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs)

VPDs are conditions which are preventable through vaccines and available to protect against these diseases. Vaccines are counted among the greatest public health achievements of the twentieth century. Countless lives have been saved and many diseases have been prevented because of vaccines today, vaccine preventable disease levels are at record lows. Even though most infants and toddlers have received all recommended vaccines by age 2, many under immunized children remain, leaving the potential for outbreaks of disease. Many adolescents and adults are under-immunized as well, missing opportunities to protect themselves against diseases such as

Hepatitis B, influenza, and pneumococcal disease. Be wise, immunize and protect yourself and your loved one.

It's National Immunization Awareness Month! Is Your Family Up to Date on Vaccines?

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. You have the power to protect yourself and your family against serious diseases [like whooping cough, cancers caused by HPV, and pneumonia] with vaccines. As your children head back to school this fall, make sure vaccination is at the top of your checklist.

Flu Season is Coming. Don't Hesitate—Vaccinate.

Although flu season officially begins October 1, many Texans wait until there is an outbreak of flu cases at their workplace or school before getting a flu shot. Instead of putting it off, go ahead and get the protection you and your loved ones need right now before the disease begins to spread. In addition to your healthcare provider, you can also get a flu shot at other places including pharmacies, grocery stores, and community flu clinics.

EVERY DOSE MATTERS:

ASK YOUR DOCTOR TODAY IF YOU AND YOUR CHILD IS ON SCHEDULE!!!

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