



## 2019 National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) Local Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Activities throughout the Connecticut

### BRIDGEPORT

- **July 26<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm:** The Bridgeport Immunization Program will be participating in a Community Health and Wellness Fair in honor of World Hepatitis Day – This event offers FREE health information and FREE health screenings including Hepatitis C Testing, HIV Testing and more! Come on out and join us for a day of health, free food and music at Baldwin Plaza, 1106 Main St, Bridgeport (behind Courthouse) \*Rain date August 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm  
*Sponsored by: CT Community for Addiction Recovery, American Liver Foundation, Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program, Bridgeport Department of Health and Social Services, Gilead Sciences*
- **August 1<sup>st</sup> 12–2pm:** Come join us for the Mutual Housing Association’s Fourth Annual Health and Wellness Fair at Huntington Place, 1235 Huntington Turnpike, Trumbull. Lots of food, fun and information for a healthier you!
- **August 7<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm:** In honor of National Health Center week, come join us at Southwest Community Health Center’s Annual Health Fair, taking place 46 Albion St, Bridgeport. FREE HEALTH INFORMATION, bloods pressure screenings, dental screenings, nutrition, WIC, School-Based Health Centers and Community Partners. Food, raffles, and an inflatable obstacle course! In honor of National Health center Week 2018.
- **August 8<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm:** The Bridgeport Immunization Program will be participating in the Back To School Summer Jam – Backpack and School Supply Giveaway. Come join us for FREE food, music, face painting, bounce house and lots of community resources! We will be in the Price Rite Plaza at 180 Boston Ave, Bridgeport.
- **Month of August:** Check out Southwestern AHEC’s Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SouthwesternAHEC/> for immunization updates, educational information and resources all month during NIAM!

### DANBURY

- **Month of August** – at Danbury WIC. Immunization information for pregnant women, babies and young children will be posted and available for the taking. Colorful displays will feature: vaccines needed before, during and after pregnancy, and life-saving vaccinations needed for infants and young children. Attendees can learn about the serious measles virus and the vaccine needed to prevent this highly contagious illness!
- **Tuesdays, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 pm and August 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 3 pm-** Danbury IAP Coordinator will be present to discuss vaccination schedules for pregnant women and young children, vaccine safety, CT’s Immunization Information System (IIS), “CT WiZ” and answer questions. Parents can have their child’s immunization record checked in CT WiZ. FREE giveaways!  
Danbury WIC Office, 80 Main St, Danbury. Contact: Mercedes Pichardo, Danbury IAP Coordinator, [mpichardo@norwalkct.org](mailto:mpichardo@norwalkct.org) (475) 470-3478
- **Month of August** – Immunization information for pregnant women and infants will be posted and available for the taking on the Danbury Hospital Maternity Unit. CT’s Immunization Information System (IIS), “CT WiZ” will be highlighted. FREE giveaways! Danbury Hospital, 24 Hospital Ave., Danbury. Contact: Mercedes Pichardo, Danbury IAP Coordinator, [mpichardo@norwalkct.org](mailto:mpichardo@norwalkct.org) (475) 470-3478
- Check out posts to honor each week's theme at: <https://www.facebook.com/norwalkhealth>
- Follow Norwalk Health Department’s tweets regarding immunizations for people across the lifespan at: [@norwalkhealth](https://twitter.com/norwalkhealth)



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#### NAUGATUCK VALLEY

- Visit the Naugatuck Valley Health District (NVHD) website <http://nvhd.org/> for information about National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM).
- The 2nd floor entry table will be decorated with pertinent weekly NIAM information along with posters placed on the doors at both NVHD entrances.
- Week appropriate NIAM information will be posted on NVHD's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media accounts.

#### NEW BRITAIN

- **Month of August:** Immunization information will be posted on the New Britain Health Department's Facebook page for National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). The main focus will be on having all immunizations up-to-date for school/day care entry but other topics will be included as well. Immunization records will be evaluated for children who come into the health department for school/daycare entry and if vaccines are available they will be administered by nursing staff.
- **August 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>:** In the waiting area at the New Britain Health Department there will be information available regarding National Immunization Awareness Month and general immunization information with an emphasis on the HPV vaccine for preteen/teens.
- **August 26<sup>th</sup>:** The New Britain Health Department and New Britain School Nurses will be reviewing immunization records at New Britain High School for school entry.

#### NEW HAVEN

- **August 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 10am-12:00pm:** New Haven IAP Coordinator will have an immunization education at the New Haven WIC office located at 1450 Chapel Street, New Haven. Handouts and FREE giveaways will be available.
- **August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am-2pm:** New Haven Health Department Immunization program will have an immunization education table set-up in the lobby of The Gateway Center Building located at 54 Meadow Street, New Haven. Handouts for parents and FREE giveaways will be available.

#### NORWALK

**Month of August:** Contact: Pam Bates, RN, BSN, Norwalk IAP Coordinator [ptb50@aol.com](mailto:ptb50@aol.com) 203-854-7728

- Immunization information will be posted and available for the taking for people across the lifespan at the **Norwalk Health Department lobby** outside the WIC office, 137 East Avenue, Norwalk. The display will be changed each week to follow CDC's National theme that highlights immunizations for: school-age children, pregnant women, babies and young children, preteens and teens, and adults. Immunization schedules for children, teens and adults will be posted. Information about CT's Immunization Information System (IIS), "CT WiZ", will be featured. FREE giveaways!
- Immunization information for pregnant women and infants will be posted and available for the taking on the **Norwalk Hospital Maternity Unit**. CT's Immunization Information System (IIS), "CT WiZ" will be highlighted. FREE giveaways!
- Norwalk Health Department's Facebook Page - check out posts to honor each week's theme at: <https://www.facebook.com/norwalkhealth>



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- Norwalk Health Department's Twitter Page - follow Norwalk Health Department's tweets regarding immunizations for people across the lifespan at: [@norwalkhealth](https://twitter.com/norwalkhealth)
- **CT WiZ (CT's Immunization Information System (IIS))/Immunization Record Check** will be performed for children receiving support services from Family and Children's Agency (FCA). Families enrolled in FCA's programs are being asked to sign releases for their children's immunization records to be evaluated by Norwalk IAP and FCA staffs. Children who are late with vaccinations or who do not have a provider identified will be followed up by FCA Program caseworkers. Parents will be offered enrollment if their child's record is not found in the IIS. Those interested in learning more about Family and Children Agency's family support programs may contact: Lucy Regalado at: 203-286-3693 or email: [lregalado@fcagency.org](mailto:lregalado@fcagency.org)

#### TORRINGTON

- **Every Tuesday 5-7pm starting mid-July running for 8 weeks** – Prenatal Parenting Group: 350 Main St, Torrington at Family Strides conference room. Packets with goodies will be handed out along with info about:
  - Back to School: Ready for school? Make sure those vaccine records are up to date
  - Pregnant Women: Protect yourself and pass protection on to your baby
  - Babies and Young Children: A healthy start begins with on-time vaccinations
  - Preteens & Teens: Ensure a healthy future with vaccines
  - Adults: Vaccines are not just for kids
- **August 8<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm**: 350 Main Street, Torrington WIC Office, Come celebrate Breastfeeding with WIC", Games, Q & A, crafts and Lunch will be provided check out display of information on Pregnant Women: Protect yourself and pass protection on to your baby
- **August 12<sup>th</sup> 10-11am**: 350 Main St, Torrington at Family Strides play group – Check out the display of information on Babies and Young Children: A healthy start begins with on-time vaccinations.
- **Month of August**: Check out the poster display at the Torrington WIC (Women, Infants and Children) lobby. The display will be changed each week to follow CDC's national themes of immunizations for people across the life span (adults, pregnant women, babies and young children, preteens and teens.)
- **Month of August**: Check out the large sign on display to promote National Immunization Awareness Month at the Torrington Area Health District parking lot!

#### WEST HAVEN

- IAP Coordinator and Outreach Worker are teaming with the Orange Health Department, Quinnipiac Valley Health Department, West Haven Health Department and Local Libraries to put on an educational reading program for children between the ages of 2-4. Children will listen to the story "How Dinosaurs Get Well Soon." Children will also learn a song about hygiene, and the Health Departments will use the Glow Germ activity to show the importance of washing hands. Children will also be able to create their own dinosaur craft! IAP Coordinator and Outreach Worker will provide a CT WiZ canvas bag with educational materials regarding vaccines to parents, coloring books and crayons for children, tissues, and the children's book, "Vaccines for Maxine," by Geri Roda. Locations/times include:
  - **August 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30am** at the Case Memorial Library in Orange, CT
  - **August 22<sup>th</sup> 10:30am** at the Whitneyville Library, Hamden, CT
  - **August 26<sup>th</sup> 11:15am in English and 1:00pm in Spanish** at the West Haven Public Library
- Be sure to follow the West Haven IAP Facebook page for updates regarding immunizations during NIAM at [www.facebook.com/WestHavenIAP](https://www.facebook.com/WestHavenIAP).
- **August 29<sup>th</sup> 10am and 11am** Toddler Time – Milford Public Library, New Haven Ave, Milford.



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### WATERBURY

- **Starting the end of July, and throughout the month of August:** Check out the Waterbury Health Department Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/waterburyhealthdepartment/>. Various informational video clips will be posted in celebration of National Immunization Awareness Month!
- **Month of August:** Waterbury Health Department’s clinical waiting area – Check out the display with assorted colorful brochures and educational materials for parents.
- **IAP program, in support of the Waterbury Education Family Intake Center,** will be available to assist with “back-to-school” immunization-related issues, during regular business hours, by reviewing/translating records, assisting with clinic appointments and helping parents to understand and become compliant with school immunization requirements.
- **August 21<sup>st</sup> 12pm-3pm.** IAP Program will be attending the “Back-to School” Rally at Fulton Park in Waterbury. The event is sponsored by the Waterbury Youth Services and the Waterbury Department of Education. The Rally is FREE and open to all Waterbury school children and their families. Hundreds of Waterbury families are expected to participate. Contact: Randy York Phone: 203-346-3907 [ryork@waterburyct.org](mailto:ryork@waterburyct.org)

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NIAM is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. NIAM was established to encourage people of all ages to make sure they are up to date on the vaccines recommended for them. Communities have continued to use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases.

For free resources visit: <https://www.nphic.org/niam>

