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The Upshot
IMMUNIZATION NEWS

Celebrate the Importance of Infant Immunizations

In 2019, we are celebrating 25 years of helping families learn about the importance of immunizations. Learn more about how vaccines protect children.

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Save the Date: The Texas Immunization Conference (TIC)

The DSHS Immunization Unit will hold the 2019 Texas Immunization Conference on October 23-25 at the Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel in Addison, Texas.

This conference will focus on education, trends, and information about immunizations in Texas and throughout our country, as well as help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program. Information on hotel booking and registration will be sent out soon.

The Upshot

Important news, special events, and helpful resources about how immunizations protect you and your loved ones.

Facts & Finds



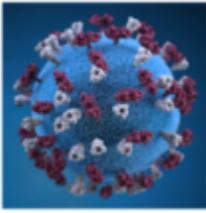
Did you know vaccines pre-arm the immune system from foreign invaders?

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Update to the Conscientious Exemption Affidavit Form

The paper that is currently being used to print the affidavit for exemptions from immunizations for reasons of conscience has changed.



Measles: Symptoms, Prevention, Ongoing Outbreaks and More

As of April 4, the CDC reports that 465 cases of measles have been confirmed in 19 states this year. Learn more about measles, the vaccine to prevent it and the CDC's recommendations.



Influenza activity is decreasing in Texas.

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How do germs make your baby sick?

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Coming Soon: Bi-Directional Data Exchange with the Texas Immunization Registry (TIR)

Bi-directional data exchange will soon provide two-way, real-time communication between an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system or a vendor and TIR.



Need immunization records for a child or adult?

[Learn More](#)



3 Important Reasons for Vaccination

With on-time vaccines, you can protect you, your family and your community with one of the safest and most effective preventative care measures available.



Find out Which Vaccines Children May Need

With the Childhood Vaccine Assessment Tool, you can learn which vaccines children may need by answering 7 quick questions. Vaccines are recommended for children based on age, health conditions, and other factors.



Find out Which Vaccines Adults May Need

You may not realize that you need vaccines throughout your life. Immunity from childhood vaccines can wear off over time and you may be at risk for different diseases as an adult. Learn more about which vaccines are recommended for you.

Events

APR 30	#ivax2protect CDC Twitter Storm
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MAY 2	CDC Vaccination Q&A (Instagram Live Event)
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MAY 8	2019 College & University Flu Vaccination Challenge Info.
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MAY 13	NAIIS Immunization Summit (May 13-16)
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Got News?

Interested in sharing information about relevant news, events, and resources?

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You Call the Shots Courses

With these web-based training courses, you can learn more about vaccine-preventable diseases and the latest recommendations for vaccine use. Each module provides learning opportunities, self-test practice questions, reference and resource materials, and an extensive glossary.

Upcoming Health Observances

There are many health observances coming up. Take note and be sure to observe related public health contributions and issues during the designated time period.

- [World Immunization Week](#) (April 24-30, 2019)
 - [World Meningitis Day](#) (April 24, 2019)
 - [National Infant Immunization Week](#) (NIIW) (April 27-May 4, 2019)
 - [Hepatitis Awareness Month](#) (May 2019)
 - [World Hepatitis Day](#) (July 28)
 - [National Immunization Awareness Month](#) (August)
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Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (Pink Book) Land-Based Course (May 28-30)

Faculty from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases will present a live, comprehensive review of immunization principles, as well as vaccine-preventable diseases and the recommended vaccines to prevent them.

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