

June ImmuNews

National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), an annual observance sponsored by the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) to highlight the importance of vaccines for people of all ages. This year, there will be several activities to promote immunization during NIAM, including digital ads and social media messages. Each week of the four-week event will be dedicated to a different stage of the life span. For more information on the observance, visit NPHIC's [NIAM website](#) and the CDC [NIAM web page](#).

Researchers develop microneedle patch for flu vaccination

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/researchers-develop-microneedle-patch-flu-vaccination>

Are needleless immunizations in our future? A NIH-funded study sees it as a possibility. "A particularly attractive feature is that this vaccination patch could be delivered in the mail and self-administered. In addition, this technology holds promise for delivering other vaccines in the future."

Don't Forget! Tools to assist satellite, temporary, and off-site vaccination clinics

<https://www.izsummitpartners.org/naiis-workgroups/influenza-workgroup/off-site-clinic-resources/>.

Satellite, temporary, and off-site vaccination clinics play an important role in improving vaccination coverage rates and vaccinating hard-to-reach populations. These helpful tools were developed to help these clinics meet the unique challenges presented when providing services in these settings.

The Vaccine Handbook – "The Purple Book" – announces free Apple App!

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-vaccine-handbook-app/id1043246009?ls=1&mt=8>

A comprehensive update of **The Vaccine Handbook App** is now available from the Immunization Action Coalition. The free App, which is available for Apple iPhones and iPads only, contains the new 2017 (6th) edition of **The Vaccine Handbook ("The Purple Book")**, by Dr. Gary Marshall, professor of pediatrics and chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Louisville. The App is fully searchable, with functionality that includes bookmarking, highlighting, user annotation and links to important vaccination resources.

The Purple Book is a comprehensive source of vaccine information, drawing together vaccine science, guidance, and practice into a user-friendly resource for the private office, public health clinic,

academic medical center, classroom, and hospital. The first section provides background on vaccine immunology, development, infrastructure, policy, standards, implementation, special circumstances, and—perhaps most importantly—addressing concerns. The second section contains details about every vaccine currently licensed in the U.S., including the burden and epidemiology of the respective disease, history of the immunization program, vaccine constituents, efficacy, safety, and recommendations.

The free App may be found by searching the iTunes App Store for “The Vaccine Handbook App”. Print copies of the book (\$34.95 each; bulk discounts are available from the publisher) can be ordered from the Immunization Action Coalition website: <http://www.immunize.org/vaccine-handbook>

States with the highest child vaccine rates

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/states-child-vaccination-rates-mmr-vaccine-dtap-whooping-cough-chickenpox/>

How does your state rate? Data from the American Academy of Pediatrics shows which states have the best track records for getting children vaccinated for some of the most common preventable childhood diseases.

CDC’s Current Issues in Immunization NetConference (CIINC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc/index.html>

The CDC Adult NetConference Series is presenting six sessions on adult immunization. *Vaccinating Adults* series will feature six presentations by experts in promoting, administering, and securing reimbursement for adult immunizations.

Refresh your memory, teach new staff, or use it to reinvigorate your action plans!