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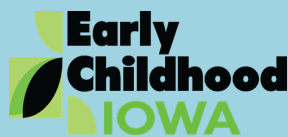
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CDC  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

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# Quality Care For Kids

A newsletter for Scott County Child Care Providers  
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## August is National Immunization Awareness Month



### Vaccine-preventable diseases are still a threat. Vaccination is the best protection!

This month is a great time to encourage families to talk to their doctor, nurse or healthcare provider to make sure their children are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccination.

Here are some facts and tips on the importance of timely immunization:

- ◆ Children commonly need medical care because of flu, especially children younger than 5 years old. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that from 2010-2018, flu-related hospitalizations among children younger than 5 years have ranged from 7,000 to 26,000 in the United States. While relatively rare, some children die from flu each year. It's important that children 6 months and older (as well as adults) get the flu vaccine each year.
- ◆ Some vaccine-preventable diseases like chickenpox and whooping cough remain common in the United States. Since 2010, the CDC has seen between 10,000 and 50,000 cases of whooping cough each year in the United States. Whooping cough can cause serious complications, like pneumonia and rib fractures, for children and teenagers. Coughing fits can last for ten weeks or more.
- ◆ Some diseases are no longer common in the United States because of vaccination. However, diseases can spread quickly if we stop vaccinating against them. The 2019 measles outbreaks are a reminder of how quickly diseases can spread when children aren't vaccinated.

View the CDC's childhood vaccine schedules available at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents/index.html) to see which vaccines children need.

**Good news!** The new Child Health Record Check-Up tool is available to schedule with your Child Care Nurse Consultant! This tool can help identify any children who are behind on routine scheduled health screenings and immunizations along with other important health record keeping items. **Please contact your Child Care Nurse Consultant to schedule your Child Health Record Check-Up.**

Are you aware of the Iowa Department of Public Health's "Iowa Immunization Law and You" pamphlet? It is a great resource for you and your families. It can be downloaded or ordered from [www.idph.iowa.gov/imm/immunization/order-form](http://www.idph.iowa.gov/imm/immunization/order-form)