

## **Jackson County Department of Public Health**

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August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of routine vaccination for all people of all ages. During NIAM, JCDPH encourages you to talk to your doctor, nurse or healthcare provider to ensure you and your family are up to date on routine vaccinations and are protected against serious diseases.

As children head back to school this fall, it's particularly important for you to work with your child's doctor or nurse to make sure they get caught up on all <u>well-child visits and</u> <u>recommended vaccines</u>. On-time vaccination throughout childhood helps provide immunity before children are exposed to life threatening diseases.

Parents and caregivers, remember to take care of yourself too! Make sure that you receive any vaccines you need to stay healthy. Use CDC's <u>adult vaccine assessment tool</u> to see which vaccines might be right for you.

August is also a critical time to get vaccinated against COVID-19. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccination, check out the following website: <a href="Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines">Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines</a>.

During NIAM as well as throughout the year, the JCDPH offers vaccines for all people of all ages through General Clinic on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:30 AM-5:00 PM. For questions about vaccines, call 828-587-8279. To schedule a vaccine appointment, call 828-586-8994.

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