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National Immunization Awareness Month

JACKSON COUNTY, MI – In recognition of the National Immunization Awareness Month this August, the Jackson County Health Department (JCHD) would like to highlight the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. You have the power to protect yourself and your family against serious diseases through on-time vaccination. During National Immunization Awareness Month, the JCHD healthcare team encourages you talk to your doctor, nurse, or other healthcare professional to ensure you, your child, and your family are up to date on recommended vaccines.

While life-saving vaccines can be given at any time during the year, August is an ideal time for immunizations, as teachers and students of every age get ready to go back to school. Immunization shots, or vaccinations, are essential to maintaining health. Childhood vaccines protect against infections like measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis A and B, polio, tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). “These are highly contagious diseases, and we have vaccines to prevent them,” said Matthew Budd, Deputy Health Officer of the JCHD. “Vaccination is the best way to protect our loved ones and ourselves from preventable disease.” Immunizations are also important for adults, especially to help protect them from diseases such as pneumonia, influenza, COVID, and shingles.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has an easy to use assessment tool that can provide you with information on what vaccines your children may need: [Childhood Vaccine Quiz | CDC](#). Adults can find out what vaccines they may need by completing this assessment: [The Adult Vaccine Quiz | CDC](#).

Talking with your doctor or primary care provider about receiving vaccines is the best way to find out which vaccines would be best for you. Many pharmacies also carry routine vaccines. If you are concerned with the cost of shots, the Jackson County Health Department can help. Children who are uninsured, Medicaid-eligible, Native American, or Alaska native may be eligible for free or low-cost

Working together to create and promote a healthy community through disease prevention and control, health education, environmental protection, and emergency preparedness.

shots through the Immunization Clinic at the Jackson County Health Department. The clinic is located at 1715 Lansing Avenue and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 – 11:30 am and 12:30 – 4:00 pm. The clinic will also be open on Wednesday, August 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to promote National Immunization Awareness Month. For additional information, contact the Immunization Clinic at the Jackson County Health Department at (517) 788-4468.