## **AUGUST NEWS LETTER**

# National Immunization Awareness Month



## What is a Vaccine?

Did you know vaccines can lower your chance of getting certain diseases. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses to help you safely develop immunity to a disease. This lowers your chances of getting certain diseases and suffering from their complications.



## Do I really need to Vaccinate?

- All adults should stay up to date on all vaccines to help protect against serious diseases that could result in:
  - -poor health
  - -low quality of life
  - -extra medical bills
- Sometimes childhood vaccines wear off over time. In these cases booster shots are always recommended such as Td booster and whooping cough.
- If you are an adult with chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, asthma/COPD you are at higher risk for complications from certain diseases like flu and pneumonia. Get up to date on all vaccines can help lower your risk.
- Getting vaccinated not only lowers your chance of getting sick, but also lowers the chance that you will spread a serious disease to those around you

# **5 REASONS TO VACCINATE**

- 1. Reduce Risk of life threatening illness
- 2. Improves Quality of Life
- 3. Prevent disease from spreading to loved ones
- 4. They are safe and effective
- 5. Can save you money, time and extra health care visits

# Caregiver Corner

Talk to your care giving team and partner about staying up to date with all vaccinations. Because team work makes the dream work!

## **Immune Booster Recipe**

## Orange Turmeric Ice Pops



## Ingredients:

-1 cup organic pineapple chunks, fresh or frozen -1/2 cup Uncle Matt's Organic orange juice or Uncle Matt's Organic Orange Turmeric with Probiotics

-1 – 1 1/2 inch fresh organic ginger root, skin removed
-1 tsp organic ground turmeric

Directions: In high speed blender, mix pineapple, Uncle Matt's Organic orange juice, ginger & turmeric till smooth. Pour evenly into molds, insert sticks & freeze till firm.

http://www.unclematts.com/orange-turmeric-popsicles/

## References:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/index.html http://www.unclematts.com/orange-turmeric-popsicles/





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# Vaccines Recommended for Adults over the age of 19 years old

(Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis)

**Tdap vaccine** 

tetanusdiphtheria Td booster shot recommended every 10 years

(Measles-Mumps-Rubella)

MMR vaccine

For adults born after 1956 who did not receive the vaccine

or have not yet had the diseases

#### (Varicella)

Chickenpox vaccine

For all adults who have not received the vaccine when younger or have not yet had chickenpox

## (Influenza)

Flu Vaccine

Receive annual vaccinations against seasonal influenza to prevent new strain of flu

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(Pneumococcal)

**PPSV23 Vaccine** 

For adults 65 years of age or older or those with certain chronic health conditions

(Herpes Zoster)

**Shingles Vaccine** 

For adults 60 years of age or older, regardless of whether they report a prior episode of herpes zoster (VZV)