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"Leadership, Partnership, and Championship"

National Infant Immunization Week -- April 16-22, 2000



National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is April 16-22, 2000; this year's theme is "You Gave Them Life...Protect It." This week emphasizes the importance of timely infant and childhood vaccination. Vaccination is one of the most effective ways to protect children, especially infants and young children, from potentially serious diseases. Because of increased vaccination efforts in the United States, eight vaccine-preventable diseases are at or near record low levels. In 1999, 86 measles cases, eight congenital rubella cases, one diphtheria case, and no wild poliovirus cases were reported.

Approximately 11,000 babies are born each day in the United States; they need 16-20 doses of vaccine before age 2 years. Although vaccination coverage levels are high for preschool-aged children, approximately 1 million 2-year-old children are missing one or more of the recommended vaccine doses.

During NIIW, states and communities will sponsor activities designed to highlight the need to achieve and maintain high childhood vaccination coverage rates. In addition, CDC will launch a new television public service announcement (PSA) and two radio PSAs in Spanish. Additional information about NIIW and childhood vaccinations is available from CDC's National Immunization Program World-Wide Web site, <http://www.cdc.gov/nip> or the National Immunization Information Hotline, telephone (800) 232-2522 (English) or (800) 232-0233 (Spanish).

PPIP Corner



**PUT PREVENTION
INTO PRACTICE!**

PPIP BIENNIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the Biennial Survey - **due 30 April electronically** using this **WEB BASED SURVEY LINK** <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/informatics/ppip.htm>. Also update information for the PPIP coordinator and physician champion roster if you have not already done so. It is recommended that you print off a copy of the survey, read it, collect and research the information about your command, then go back on the web, fill in the answers, and then submit it. You will be asked to identify your UIC, so please assure that box is complete. All Navy Claimancy 18 commands (medical and dental) should do a survey. This means each parent command and each tenant command. The period of report is from Oct 99-April 00. Remember: only one survey from each facility (usually the PPIP coordinator submits the report). Questions? POC: is klancharl@nehc.med.navy.mil or call DSN 253-5486, Commercial 757-462-5486.

NAVY PPIP WORKSHOP

Next Navy PPIP Workshop is **AUG 15-16-17, 2000 at Little Creek, VA**. Please note that the dates have been changed from the previously advertised (August 22-24 - these are a no-go). Application information available on the web at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/ppip/> Click on "Training".

Tobacco homepage additions!

Check out the NEHC HP Tobacco Page! There are new presentations on the Survey you completed- the DoD and Navy Tobacco Cessation Survey completed by OPHSA! Also the briefs from the DoD Tobacco Policy Working group are posted- Dr. Anne Joseph on Pharmacotherapy for Smoking Cessation, Dr. Harry Lando on the Evolution of Treatment Programs, Considerations in Designing a Tobacco Cessation Service Benefit by Dr. Sue Curry, and Lt.Col. Wayne Talcott on DoD Prevention Efforts. There are some new Health Promotion materials as well- Cigar myths and Tobacco Cessation for the Medical Team.

"The most beautiful
thing we can
experience is the
mysterious. It is the
source of all true art
and science."

-Albert Einstein