

# National immunization

The Power of Immunizations



Vaccines work by training your body's immune system to recognize and fight specific viruses or bacteria. This can prevent you from getting infected or significantly reduce the severity of the disease if you do become infected. Immunizations have played a vital role in eradicating smallpox and nearly eliminating polio globally, and they continue to protect millions of people from illnesses like measles, mumps, rubella, influenza, and many more.

## Despite the undeniable benefits of vaccination, vaccine hesitancy and misinformation are on the rise. NIAM serves as a critical reminder to:

- 1 **Educate yourself and others:** Learn about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, and talk to your healthcare provider about any concerns you may have.
- **2 Get vaccinated according to the recommended schedule:** This protects not only yourself but also those around you who are unable to get vaccinated due to medical conditions or age.
- **Advocate for strong immunization programs:** Support policies that ensure equitable access to vaccines for all, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status.

#### **KEY AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Closing the equity gap: Addressing disparities in vaccination rates among different communities to ensure everyone has access to life-saving immunizations
- **Combating misinformation:** Dispelling myths and providing accurate information about vaccines to counter vaccine hesitancy
- Celebrating immunization champions: Recognizing the dedication of healthcare professionals, parents, and community leaders who advocate for vaccination

#### **TAKING ACTION**

- Share accurate information about vaccines on social media
- Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors about the importance of getting vaccinated
- Support organizations working to increase vaccination rates
- Get vaccinated yourself and encourage others to do the same

**Together, we can build a healthier future for everyone** by ensuring that everyone has access to the life-saving protection of vaccines.

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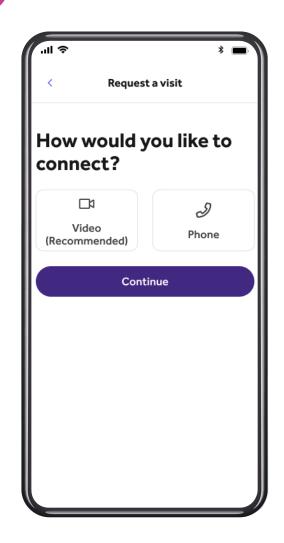
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