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Local Public Health Departments Launch "Get Vaccinated CT" Campaign to Promote Back-to-School Immunizations and Community Health

Fairfield, Conn., August 5, 2024 – August is here, which means the kids will be back in the classroom before you know it. While parents are shopping for backpacks, notebooks and pencils, your local public health departments encourage adding vaccines to your child's back-to-school list.

"Vaccines are a requirement for students in Connecticut schools, and we want to ensure parents are aware of what their child needs based on their age, so they have a safe transition back to the classroom," said Sands Cleary, Director of the Fairfield Health Department. "That's one reason we partnered with colleagues in five other local health departments and created a vaccine awareness campaign called 'Get Vaccinated CT.'"

Get Vaccinated CT is an educational campaign sponsored by a grant from the CDC and the Aspetuck Health District and the Health Departments in Darien, Fairfield, Norwalk, Stratford and Trumbull. The goal of the campaign is to offer a trustworthy source for vaccine information and connect people to local services in their communities. The campaign will continue throughout the year and highlight the importance and safety of all vaccinations that are recommended for children and adults.

"Now is the time to be sure your child is up to date on their immunizations, so you don't face delays in registration or starting the school year," advised Theresa Argondezzi, Assistant Director of Health at the Norwalk Health Department. "If you visit GetVaccinatedCT.org or obtentuvacuna.org for Spanish-speaking families, you will find a list of the required vaccines and a link to CT Wiz which allows you to view your child's vaccination history to be sure they have what they need to start school."

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 3.5 to 5 million deaths are prevented every year thanks to vaccines. WHO research also estimates that since 1974, vaccines have prevented 154 million deaths, including among 146 million children under five. This research shows that vaccines are effective and save lives every year, which is why local health departments are raising awareness with this campaign.

You can follow the campaign on Facebook ([@GetVaccinatedCT](https://www.facebook.com/GetVaccinatedCT)) and on Instagram ([@get_vaccinatedct](https://www.instagram.com/get_vaccinatedct)) for information and resources to keep your family healthy.

About Get Vaccinated CT

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