

Epi Update for Friday, April 21, 2023

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Items for this week's Epi Update include

- **Lab Week 2023**
- **National Infant Immunization Week**
- **Iowa HHS rabies resources**
- **Infographic: 5 important facts about infant vaccinations**

Lab Week 2023

The 48th annual Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (Lab Week) is April 23 - 29! Please mark your calendars and join CDC, SHL, and Iowa HHS as we honor clinical and public health laboratory professionals for safeguarding our communities, family members, friends, and colleagues by strengthening diagnostic testing and improving patient care.

For Lab Week 2023, CDC chose a theme that celebrates laboratory professionals for protecting our future by skillfully adapting to meet today's evolving patient care and public health challenges. *The Future is Lab* recognizes laboratory professionals for their resilience, innovation, and expertise while raising public awareness to generate excitement about pursuing a career in the laboratory.

We want to thank all of our colleagues in laboratories throughout Iowa for supporting public health by reporting required results to public health and submitting samples and isolates to SHL for further characterization.

For more information about Lab Week 2023, visit www.cdc.gov/csels/dls/lab-week/index.html.

National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week (April 24 - 30) is a yearly observance highlighting the importance of protecting children two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that children stay on track with their well-child appointments and routine vaccinations. On-time vaccination is critical to provide protection against potentially life-threatening diseases.

For more information about National Immunization Week, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/overview.html.

Iowa HHS rabies resources


Iowa HHS has a dedicated web page for rabies resources, with information geared towards the public, health care providers, and veterinarians. Resources include flow charts for evaluating potential exposures, guidelines for post-exposure prophylaxis, testing options, and much more.

As always, Iowa HHS is available 24/7/365 for rabies consultation at 515-242-5935 or 515-323-4360 after hours.


For more information about rabies, visit hhs.iowa.gov/rabies.

Infographic: 5 important facts about infant vaccinations

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Vaccines help strengthen infant immune systems so they can **better fight serious diseases.**




Thanks to vaccines, millions of children's **lives have been saved.**


Most childhood vaccines are **90% to 99% effective.**



Vaccines prevent babies from getting extremely ill from whooping cough, measles and more.



Vaccines are carefully reviewed by multiple health experts to **make sure they're safe** before given to anyone.



Protect your kids.
Talk to their healthcare provider about getting your child vaccinated.

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Have a healthy and happy week!

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