

WHEREAS; starting at birth, kids require a series of vaccinations to be fully protected from once-endemic, potentially deadly, and debilitating diseases, such as measles, mumps, diphtheria, polio, tetanus, hepatitis B, rotavirus, and chickenpox; and

WHEREAS; on-time vaccinations are a safe and effective way to protect kids from preventable diseases, especially those who are unable to receive certain vaccines due to age or compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS; in recent years, Wisconsin has seen declines in childhood immunization rates, along with the dissemination of misinformation about vaccine safety, putting families and communities at risk for more frequent outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS; all kids have the right to grow up healthy, no matter their family's socioeconomic status or ZIP code, which is why the Wisconsin Vaccines for Children program has worked with participating healthcare providers to reduce economic barriers to immunization across the state, providing no-cost vaccines to kids who might not otherwise have access; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes and celebrates the healthcare professionals and public health officials who are working to promote vaccine education, ensure and expand access to services such as the state's immunization registry, and encourage families to make plans for their kids to receive their recommended vaccinations on schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 20 through 27 2026 as

WISCONSIN INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State