

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; vaccines are critical to ensuring the health and well-being of people and communities in Wisconsin, across the country, and around the world; and

*WHEREAS*; in areas with high vaccination rates, the spread of preventable diseases is significantly reduced, and in turn, rates of hospitalization and death from vaccine-preventable diseases are greatly reduced; and

*WHEREAS*; while many diseases are effectively and safely controlled by immunization, these illnesses still exist, and when vaccination rates in a community drop, outbreaks occur, and unvaccinated individuals are at increased risk of contracting serious, potentially debilitating illnesses; and

*WHEREAS*; scientific and medical experts overwhelmingly agree that vaccines—including routine childhood and adult vaccines—are effective, safe, and instrumental in protecting individuals from contracting preventable diseases; and

*WHEREAS*; the dissemination of misinformation about vaccine safety poses a significant public health risk, as communities with low vaccination rates compromise the health and livelihood of infants, young children, seniors, individuals with immunodeficiency disorders, individuals with weakened or compromised immune systems, and the public; and

*WHEREAS*; educating Wisconsinites about the importance of immunization and routine vaccinations in childhood and throughout a lifetime is key to ensuring public health, safety, and awareness, and the state remains committed to providing equitable access to both education and immunization in every community; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the majority of the world's scientists, medical professionals, and experts in promoting routine vaccinations and sharing science-based information about immunization and encourages all Wisconsinites to trust science and get regularly vaccinated to help keep their family members, friends, and communities safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 2024 as

## NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

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 12th day  
of July 2024.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State