

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; immunization currently prevents 3.5 million to 5 million deaths every year, according to the World Health Organization; 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 and 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 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, and throughout 2026 the Year of the Neighbor, where Wisconsinites are encouraged to look out for one another, 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 2026 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 23rd day of July 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State