

## **Protect your child!**

### **Cleveland County Health Department celebrates National Immunization Awareness Month by promoting vaccinations for Infants and Children.**

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**Shelby, NC** – No one wants to see an infant or young child suffer from disease. That's why childhood immunizations are so important. We have the power to prevent disease. A simple vaccination, which may hurt for a few seconds, can save a child from weeks or even months of suffering due to a vaccine-preventable disease.

The **Cleveland County Health Department**, in partnership with the North Carolina Division of Public Health, is celebrating August as National Immunization Awareness Month (**NIAM**) by encouraging North Carolinians of all ages to make sure they are current on their vaccinations.

This week, the **Cleveland County Health Department** is focusing on childhood vaccinations and has planned the following activities:

- An information table will be located in the main front entry of the **Cleveland County Health Department** with information for all age groups.
- Have you seen our new marquee? Be sure to check it out for the newest updates!
- Find us on the web [www.clevelandcounty.com/cchd](http://www.clevelandcounty.com/cchd) or follow us on Twitter.
- We will have representatives at the **Connect, Commit to Change Event** at The Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10am-2pm.

Infants and kids need shots to protect them against:

**Hepatitis B, Rotavirus, Diphtheria,  
Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) Hib,  
Pneumococcal Disease, Polio, Influenza,  
Measles, Mumps, Rubella,  
Varicella (chickenpox), Hepatitis A, & Meningococcal Disease**

.For more information about **NIAM** or the activities listed above, contact the **Cleveland County Health Department at 704-484-5154.**

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