



2007 National Adult Immunization Awareness Week (NAIAW)

In an effort to increase awareness about adult immunizations, the West Virginia Immunization Program is working with our partners to promote National Adult Immunization Awareness Week (NAIAW). NAIAW is scheduled for September 23 - 29, 2007.

NAIAW emphasizes the need for health care providers and public health officials to intensify their efforts to vaccinate adults. Immunizations are powerful public health tools that provide safe, effective, and cost-effective means of preventing illnesses, hospitalizations, and possibly death. Adult immunizations protect individuals, their families, and our communities. Adults should receive an annual flu vaccine and several others, including the Tdap booster, to protect against whooping cough. Sadly, each year, approximately 46,000 adults in the United States, especially our older adults, die needlessly from vaccine-preventable diseases or their complications.

Our goal is to ensure that all adults are up-to-date on their life-saving vaccinations.

For more information about vaccine-preventable diseases please review the program website at www.wvdhhr.org/immunizations or call Toby Wagoner, public information specialist at 558-6438.

If you would like to review a list of vaccines recommended for adults, click on the following link: <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4030.pdf>