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It's National Immunization Awareness Month! Is Your Family Up to Date on Vaccines?

Canton, NY— The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department is proudly participating in National Immunization Awareness Month. This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your lifetime. You have the power to protect yourself and your family against diseases like whooping cough, cancers caused by HPV, pneumonia, measles, and COVID-19.

Vaccines protect you by preparing your immune system to recognize and fight serious and sometimes deadly diseases. To help keep our communities and families safe, the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department encourages you to talk to your health care provider to ensure you and your family members are up to date on recommended vaccines. Getting vaccines **on time** is one of the most important ways to protect yourself and others from serious diseases.

All kids going to public, private and religious schools, pre-K and day care, must get all required vaccinations unless they have a valid medical exemption. Immunization requirements will differ based on your child's age and their immunization history or health record. Find out today what vaccinations are required for your school-age child. Your family's health and safety is our primary concern. For more information on Back-to-School vaccination requirements, including deadlines, vaccine safety and more, please visit https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/school_vaccines/.

When children get vaccinated, they not only protect themselves but help protect the people around them who might be too young or too sick to get vaccinated themselves. No one wants to pass on a serious illness to someone they care about, so take charge of your health and help protect those around you by asking about vaccines at your next doctor's visit. National Immunization Awareness Month provides an opportunity to remind St. Lawrence County residents about the importance of vaccinations and for all ages to "catch up" on their vaccinations.

The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department Immunization Clinics are currently held every Monday and Wednesday at 80 St. Hwy 310, Suite 2, Canton, NY. To make an appointment please call (315) 229-3452. For more information, visit <https://stlawco.org/Departments/PublicHealth/ImmunizationProgram/ChildrenAdults>.

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