

**TO: EZIZ Users**

**FROM: CDPH**

**SUBJECT: A healthy start begins with on-time vaccinations**

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Dear EZIZ users,

August is National Immunization Awareness Month ([NIAM](#))! Each week will focus on the importance of vaccination at different stages in our lifespan. This week, the theme is **“Babies and Young Children: A healthy start begins with on-time vaccinations”**

Vaccines give parents the safe, proven power to protect their children from 14 serious diseases before they turn 2 years old. Parents can provide the best protection by following the recommended immunization schedule – giving their child the vaccines they need, when they need them. Many of these immunizations are also required for [child care and school entry in California](#) (Please note: personal beliefs exemptions are no longer allowed).

Here are a few simple ways you can help ensure babies and young children get the vaccines they need on-time:

- Print and post free childhood immunization flyers in English and Spanish from the [CDC](#).
- Check out [Megan’s story](#) (a story about a family’s struggle caring for their 10 month old son with measles) and consider sharing this story on social media, during health events, or in waiting rooms.

Also, check out the NIAM toolkit (<https://www.nphic.org/niam>) for more ideas on how to raise awareness of vaccines for babies and young children, including social media messages, template news releases, graphics, and more. Give the children you care for a healthy start!