

National Infant Immunization Week E-Message: Seniors



Email subject: You can't keep your grandbabies in a fish bowl.

Protect them from 14 vaccine-preventable diseases.

Immunization is a shared responsibility. Families, including grandparents, who are up-to-date on their immunizations, are healthier. Immunized families help protect the community from vaccine-preventable disease.

In conjunction with National Infant Immunization Week, April 18 – 25, 2015, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and local public health agencies across the state are encouraging seniors to take some time to ensure their children and all family members are adequately immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases. The observation is held each year to highlight the importance of protecting children two years and

younger from vaccine-preventable diseases. The theme is *Immunization. Power to Protect.*

Whooping cough is a very serious disease for babies. Everybody in the family should be immunized against whooping cough to protect themselves and the baby at home. Grandparents should get the Tdap vaccine booster to protect them from getting whooping cough. Even if grandparents had whooping cough disease previously, they still need the Tdap vaccine booster. The immunity to whooping cough from disease lessens over time.

Check with your health care provider to see if you are up-to-date on your immunizations.

If you would like more information on immunizations, visit health.mo.gov/immunizations.

