

National Infant Immunization Week E-Message: Child Care

**You can't keep your baby in a fish bowl.
Protect them from 14 vaccine preventable diseases.**



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As a child care provider, you have a responsibility to protect the children in your care from dangerous illnesses like measles, tetanus and hepatitis. Being a care giver is a huge responsibility and it is vitally important that you know the facts about the importance of immunizing and the vaccines themselves.

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 child care providers to ensure their children and all family members are adequately immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.

National Infant Immunization Week 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.*

The Department of Health offers free on-line training specifically for child care providers.

Immunization411: For Child Care Providers consists of three modules and is worth four clock hours of child care-related training.

- Module 1 - details the importance of immunizations for both child care workers and children.
- Module 2 - explains the state law and regulation regarding immunizations within the child care facility and demonstrates some of the tools available to ensure children in the facility are adequately immunized.
- Module 3 - is a simple step-by-step instructional guide on how to properly complete the state required child care / preschool immunization status report that is due by January 15 every year.

Visit health.mo.gov/immunizations to take the *Immunization411* training.

