

**National Infant Immunization Week
Sample Media Advisory**

MEDIA ADVISORY

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WHAT: (name of event) kicks off (city, county, state) celebration of National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) and Vaccination Week in the Americas (VWA). (Description of the event). In the first 24 months of life children need more than 80 percent of their vaccinations to protect them from diseases, disabilities, and death. Each year new and improved vaccines and ways to combine them are developed. These innovations will improve safety and efficacy of vaccines.

NIIW is a national effort to educate parents, caregivers, providers, and communities on the importance of timely infant immunization. Over 500 communities in the United States are expected to participate in this year's observance scheduled for April 25 – May 1. This year NIIW is working together with the Pan American Health Organization's Vaccination Week in the Americas, April 24-30, to promote immunization in all countries of the Americas. Over 35 countries in the Western Hemisphere are joining together to highlight the need for routine vaccinations and to promote access to health services for infants and children during this week.

WHO: (key presenters, sponsors, and spokespersons and their affiliation)

WHERE: (location, and address)

WHEN: (date and time)

WHY: Nearly 1 million children in the United States are not adequately immunized and each day 11,000 children are born in the U.S. and they are in need of protection from twelve vaccine preventable diseases before the age of two. Immunizations are safe and protect our children, families, and community making them one of our most cost-effective public health strategies.

PHOTO/VIDEO

OPPORTUNITY: If you would like to photograph children being vaccinated, the (name of clinic) at (address) will welcome news photographers and videographers from (time) on (date of event).