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Free Vaccinations for Kids at Children's Fest 2022 Tyler, Texas (Friday, April 22, 2022)

The NET Health Immunizations Clinic has organized the return of Children's Fest, an opportunity for parents of babies, infants, and toddlers to ensure their children are up-to-date on all recommended vaccinations. This Tuesday April 26th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m, the parking lot at 815 North Broadway Avenue will include family-friendly activities and health services provided by local health organizations.

Annually, the last full week of April 2022 is recognized as National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), a national observance to promote the benefits of immunizations and to improve the health of children two years old or younger. Since 1994, local and state health departments, national immunization partners, healthcare professionals, community leaders from across the United States, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have worked together through NIIW to highlight the positive impact of vaccination on the lives of infants and children, and call attention to immunization achievements.

"Childhood vaccinations are one of the best ways for our community and us as parents to protect our children against vaccine-preventable diseases." says Sylvia Warren, RN, Director of Immunization for NET Health. NET Health continues to administer over 15,000 vaccinations yearly. In the United States, vaccines have reduced or eliminated many diseases that once harmed our infants and children, such as Measles, Mumps, and Whooping Cough; however, these diseases still exist and can be passed on to people who are not immunized.

According to the National Immunization Survey, childhood immunization rates for vaccines routinely recommended for children remain at or near record levels until the COVID-19 pandemic affected the percentage of routine annual child vaccination visits. While the percentages of children staying up-to-date on their age-recommended vaccinations has improved since 2020, there is still more work to be done to return the percentages to pre-pandemic levels.

"National Infant Immunization Week allows the community an opportunity to know the benefits and importance of vaccinating our children," says George Roberts, CEO of NET Health. Immunization services for infants are available at NET Health Immunization Department located at 815 North Broadway in Tyler. For more information about childhood vaccinations, visit MyNETHealth.org or call the NET Health Immunizations Department at (903) 510 - 5604.

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