

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH
AUGUST 2024

- WHEREAS,** *Vaccine-preventable illnesses including influenza, measles, and whooping cough have not gone away and still can be a health risk to people of all ages; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Vaccines are one of the most effective life-saving public health interventions in history, with new vaccines developed each year to protect Marylanders from illnesses such as respiratory syncytial virus and monkeypox; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Immunization is a key component of primary health care and an indisputable human right which should be accessible to all Marylanders; and*
- WHEREAS,** *It is important that all Marylanders stay up to date with their routine vaccinations for their individual and community health and wellbeing; and*
- WHEREAS,** *National Immunization Awareness Month is a federally recognized annual observance that highlights the importance of routine vaccination for people of all ages.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 2024 as IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of August
Two Thousand and twenty-four

W. Moore
Governor

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Lt. Governor
Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State