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Immunization Awareness Reminder and Exhibit

Erie, PA — As part of the activities for **National Immunization Awareness Month** this August, the Erie County Department of Health encourages and reminds all parents and guardians to stay updated with their children's and teenagers' recommended vaccinations.

Many sports and school activities require students to have certain immunizations. "It is better to schedule an appointment with your doctor now than to deal with the rush once the school year starts," said Val Luebke, program coordinator at the health department.

Vaccines are a proven and safe way to help the body learn how to protect itself from certain diseases. If you have any questions about vaccines, consult your doctor or primary healthcare provider.

Facts are also available at the websites of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)) and the American Academy of Pediatrics ([healthychildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org)).

"There are also some vaccines that are recommended for adults, especially if you have certain jobs or if you are planning on traveling to certain places," she said.

For parents and guardians who need a copy of their children's vaccine records, contact your children's doctor or the Pennsylvania Department of Health at RA-DHvaxrecords@pa.gov or 877-774-4748.

An exhibit created by the Erie County Department of Health explaining the history and background of vaccines will be on display at the Blasco Memorial Library (160 E Front St, Erie, PA) the entire month of August to help the residents of Erie County learn more about how vaccines work to help protect people from diseases.

The exhibit will include items loaned by the North East Historical Society. There will also be pamphlets and brochures about immunizations available for the public.

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