

A Message from The South Carolina Immunization Coalition:

Immunize South Carolina Week is August 13-19, 2018. All South Carolina immunization providers, stakeholders, and community advocates are encouraged to help promote the important message that immunizations prevent disease and that citizens should check with physicians, pharmacists, and health departments to determine whether they are up-to-date on vaccines.

Adolescents need immunizations to protect against whooping cough, meningitis and certain types of cancers. Adults and seniors need immunizations to protect against serious diseases such as influenza (flu), whooping cough, shingles and pneumonia. An annual flu vaccination is recommended for all people ages 6 months and older. It is especially important for pregnant women, young children, people 65 years and older and anyone with any chronic medical conditions to get the flu vaccine, as these groups are at higher risk of serious complications from the flu.

The good news is that getting immunized is easier than you think. The SC Immunization Coalition and its partners are urging all South Carolinians to contact their health care provider, health department or pharmacist to find out which vaccines are right for you and your family. For more information on what immunizations you and your family need, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>.