

## **World Immunization Week 2017: Close the Immunization Gap**

World Immunization Week is celebrated the last week of April to raise awareness and increase the use of vaccines.

Immunizations have prevented an estimated 2 to 3 million deaths per year and are recognized as one of the world's most successful and cost-effective health initiatives. One of the best ways to protect yourself and your family is to make sure you are all up to date with your vaccinations. At any age, vaccinations provide the longest-lasting, most effective protection against disease.

### **What do vaccinations do?**

Vaccinations make your body immune to a particular disease or infection. The process of immunization stimulates your body's own immune system, which produces antibodies that protect you against later infection or disease.

### **What types of vaccinations are available?**

These are the variety of vaccines that will provide an active acquired immunity to a particular disease.

- Blood Infection
- Diphtheria
- Ear Infection
- Haemophilus Influenzae Type B
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Influenza
- Measles (red measles)
- Meningitis
- Mumps
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Pneumonia
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Rubella (German measles)
- Tetanus (lockjaw)
- Varicella (chicken pox)