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LEWISTON, IDAHO – August is National Immunization Awareness Month and Public Health – Idaho North Central District would like to remind you that we all need vaccines right from the start and throughout our lives.

Immunization gives parents the safe, proven power to protect their children against 14 serious and sometimes deadly diseases before they turn 2 years old.

To celebrate the importance of immunizations for a healthy start and throughout our lives – and to make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need – Public Health – Idaho North Central District is proudly participating in National Immunization Awareness Month.

“Children who don’t receive recommended vaccines are at risk of getting the disease or illness, and of having a severe case,” said Director Carol Moehrle, Public Health – Idaho North Central District. “Every dose of every vaccine is important to protect your child and others in the community against infectious diseases that are threats today. Talk to your health care professional to make sure your child is up to date on all the vaccines he or she needs.”

Today’s childhood vaccines protect against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases, including polio, measles, whooping cough and chickenpox.

There are five important reasons to make sure your child is vaccinated:

- Immunizations can save your child’s life.
- Vaccination is very safe and effective.
- Immunizations can protect others you care about.
- Immunization can save your family time and money.
- Immunization protects future generations.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk and can spread diseases to others in their family and community – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

To find out more about the recommended immunization schedule please call Public Health – Idaho North Central District at 208-799-3100 or 1-866-736-6632 or visit www.idahopublichealth.com.