



December

MINORITY HEALTH NEWSLETTER



Office of Minority Health

World AIDS Day



World AIDS Day takes place on December 1st. Started in 1988, World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people to come together to show support for people living with HIV and celebrate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is a chronic condition caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). By damaging your immune

system, HIV interferes with your body's ability to fight against infection and disease.

Approximately 1.2 million people in the U.S. are currently living with HIV. The disproportionate impact of HIV infection on racial and ethnic minorities has affected communities already struggling with many social and economic challenges like poverty, homelessness, and unequal access to the health care system. Black people account for a higher proportion of new portion of HIV diagnoses and people with HIV, compared to other races and ethnicities. In fact, in 2019, Black individuals were 8.1 times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV infection, as compared to the white individuals and represented almost 13% of the U.S.'s reported HIV cases. There's no cure for HIV/AIDS, but medications can control the infection and prevent progression of the disease. Antiviral treatments for HIV have reduced AIDS deaths around the world. Diagnosing HIV quickly and linking people to treatment immediately are crucial to achieving further reduction in new HIV infections. The CDC recommends that all individuals between the ages of 13 to 64 get tested for HIV at least once as part of routine health care and that those with risk factors get tested more frequently. The earlier it's diagnosed, the earlier you can start treatment and avoid becoming seriously ill.

International Day of People with Disability



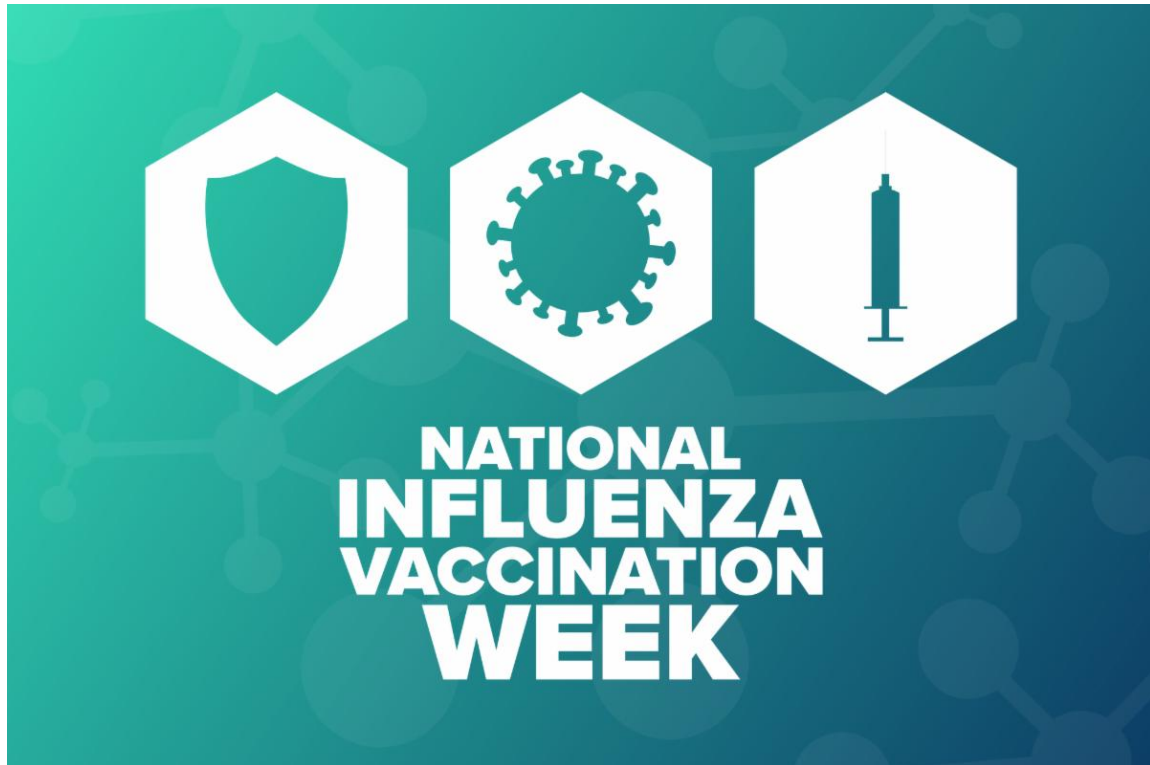
International Day of Persons with Disabilities is an international day of observance that takes place on December 3 every year since 1992. On this day, the goal is to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. The observance of this day also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. Each year the day focuses on a different issue, with this year's theme being "Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fueling an accessible and equitable world." Roughly 26% of the world's population has some kind of disability according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) with the highest rates of disability seen in the South. Disability is especially common in older adults, women, and minorities. Native Americans have the highest disability rate among working-age adults, followed by blacks, whites, Hispanics, and Asians. Despite the disabled community being the largest minority group globally,

there is little representation in the media.

How can you raise awareness in your community?

1. Host a training session/screen documentary to provide education to those around you
2. Learn how to recognize and celebrate neurodiversity
3. Work to improve accessibility and inclusion for all

National Influenza Vaccination Week



National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is observed December 5th-9th to remind everyone to get vaccinated against flu. Vaccination is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications, like young children 6 months and up. It's also important because there are known racial and ethnic minority groups that have higher rates of flu onset and hospitalization. According to the CDC, flu hospitalizations rates are 80% higher among black adults, 30% higher among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) adults, and 20% higher among Hispanic adults compared to white adults. While vaccination does not guarantee prevention from infection, it does help to reduce the severity of symptoms and the decrease the risk of hospitalization. Flu vaccination coverage has been consistently lower among Black, Hispanic, and AI/AN adults. In fact, according to the CDC, during the 2021–2022 season, flu vaccination coverage was only at 54% among White adults, 42% among Black adults, 38% among Hispanic adults, and 41% among AI/AN adults. Lack of access to health care and insurance, the spread of misinformation and a history of distrust, and racism and prejudice are just a few know factors that create inequities in vaccination rates. Since flu viruses are constantly changing and protection from vaccination decreases over time, getting a flu vaccine every year is the best way to prevent flu. Flu vaccines are the only vaccines that protect against flu and are proven to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization, and death.

Local Events

WAVES

PRENATAL & POSTPARTUM SPACE FOR PARENTS

COFFEE AND CONVO

TUESDAYS 11A-12P

IN PERSON SESSIONS

Nov 15th
Dec 6th
Mount Calvary
442 Bell St.
Akron, Oh 44307

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Nov 22nd
Dec 13th
Zoom Meeting
Id:8630355365

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
**COFFEE AND
CONVERSATIONS.**
WE WILL TALK ABOUT
HOW TO KEEP
OUR PEACE WHILE
PARENTING
DURING THE
**HOLIDAY
SEASONS AND
CREATING
RITUALS THAT WE
WANT FOR OUR
FAMILIES.**

REGISTRATION: 330.374.1199/INFO@MBHG.ORG



McDonald's FREE Naloxone Pop Up

Local McDonald's restaurants are teaming up with Summit County Public Health to help combat the opioid crisis by providing FREE naloxone to the community at seven distribution events around Summit County.



- Nov. 29** ● 5020 Darrow Rd., Stow
- Dec. 1** ● 12 Munroe Falls Ave., Munroe Falls
- Dec. 6** ● 578 E. Market St., Akron
- Dec. 8** ● 1365 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron
- Dec. 13** ● 500 W. Tuscarawas Ave., Barberton
- Dec. 15** ● 3273 Manchester Rd., Akron
- Dec. 20** ● 5165 Manchester Rd., Akron

NOTE: All events will run from 1-3 p.m.

Had a baby in 2020 or 2021?

You could get up to \$5,000 in federal money for your baby. **(\$3600 with the Child Tax Credit plus a \$1400 stimulus payment)**



Getting this money does not impact your immigration status or the status of people you live with.

- ✓ You could also get other payments for yourself and any other children you have.
- ✓ You can get this money even if you have never done taxes before or if you have not in the last few years.
- ✓ This money does not count for most benefits, like SNAP, WIC, TANF, MEDICAID, CHIP, SSI, Emergency Assistance shelter, and most types of public and subsidized housing.
- ✓ If you didn't get the 2020 stimulus payments for a baby born in 2020 (\$500 for the first payment and \$600 for the second), you can get these by filing a late or amended 2020 tax return.

Get your money now!
Scan the QR Code or go to
www.getCTC.org/NEOH



FREE COVID Home Test Kits



Limited to 4 total tests per person.
2- 2 packs or 4 single packs



Pick up at Summit County Public Health!

1867 W Market St, Akron 44313

8am-4pm



COVID-19 Vaccines @ SCPH

FREE! No Appointment Needed FREE!

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28 MON - NOVEMBER 8am-3pm Walk-in Clinic 1867 W. Market St, Akron 44313 Door 10	29 TUE - NOVEMBER 8am-5pm Walk-in Clinic 1867 W. Market St, Akron 44313 Door 10	30 WED - NOVEMBER 8am-3pm Walk-in Clinic 1867 W. Market St, Akron 44313 Door 10	01 THU 8am-3pm Walk-in Clinic 1867 W. Market St, Akron 44313 Door 10	02 FRI 8am-3pm Walk-in Clinic 1867 W. Market St, Akron 44313 Door 10
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Moderna (including bivalent booster), **Pfizer** (including bivalent booster) & **Novavax Vaccines Available.**

Serving ages 6 months and older in accordance with current CDC guidelines. Bring ID & Previous COVID Vaccination Record.



Supplies of all vaccines are available in limited supply. Brands are available on a 1st come, 1st served basis.

Vaccines available by age: Novavax 18+, Moderna adult 12+, Moderna Bivalent booster 6+, Pfizer Adult 12+/Pediatric 5-11/Infant 6m-4y, Pfizer Bivalent Booster 5+

Free Food Distribution in Akron and Summit County



The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Pop up Pantry distributions at the following locations and times:

December 8, 2022, 11am-1pm

University of Akron

301 E Buchtel Ave. Lot 24, Akron, OH

December 9, 11am-1pm

Wadsworth Salvation Army

1825 Reimer Rd., Wadsworth, OH

December 10, 10am-12pm

ASW Global

3375 Gilchrist Rd., Mogadore, OH

December 12, 12pm-2pm

NEOMED

4209 St. Rt 44, Rootstown, OH

December 13, 11am-1pm

McKinley Eagles

5024 Monticello Ave. NW, Canton, OH

December 14, 12pm-2pm

Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority

1315 Gonder Ave. SE, Canton OH

December 15, 7:45am-9:45am

Mason CLC

700 E Exchange St., Akron, OH

December 21, 1pm-3pm

Kent State University DIX Stadium

DIX Stadium 2213 Summit St., Kent, OH

Events In Akron

DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5 Catholic Charities Community Hot Meal	6 Catholic Charities Community Hot Meal	7	8	9 Feed the Need	10 Baskets of Love Distribution Akron Urban League Holiday Event
11	12 Catholic Charities Community Hot Meal	13 Catholic Charities Community Hot Meal	14	15	16 Feed the Need	17 Akron Bible Church Toy Giveaway Toys for Tots Toy Giveaway
18 Loaves & Fishes* Pantry	19 Catholic Charities Community Hot Meal	20 Catholic Charities Community Hot Meal	21	22	23 Feed the Need	24
25 Haven of Rest Christmas Meal Saint Augustine Church Christmas Meal	26	27 Catholic Charities Community Hot Meal	28	29	30 Feed the Need	31

TOY GIVEAWAYS

- Toy Giveaway at Akron Bible Church
783 Brown St, Akron 44311
Sign up 12/2 from 12-4
Pickup will be on 12/17 at 1:00
- Toys for Tots Toy Giveaway
790 Easter Ave, Akron 44307
Register in person for the drive between the hours of 10:00am-1:00pm Monday-Thursday
Distribution takes place on 12/17
- Akron Urban League Santa Is Coming Holiday Event
11am-2pm
440 Vernon Odom Blvd, Akron 44307
Must Register online by 12/8. The event takes place on 12/10
- Haven of Rest Ministries Christmas Meal
175 E. Market St, Akron, 44308
Serves lunch and dinner on Christmas day.
Lunch: Begins at 12:00pm.
Dinner: Begins at 6:30
Individuals must register.
- Saint Augustine Church Christmas Meal
195 7th St NW, Barberton 44203
12:00pm-2:00pm

FOOD PANTRY/HOT MEALS

- Food Pantry at Akron Bible Church
783 Brown St, Akron 44311
Sign up 12/2 from 12-4
Pickup will be on 12/17 at 1:00
- Baskets of Love Distribution at Akron Bible Church
783 Brown St, Akron 44311
Sign up 12/2 from 12-4
Pickup will be on 12/17 at 1:00
- Feed the Need at Akron Bible Church
Free hot meals Friday nights at 6:30pm
335 E. South St, Akron, 44311
- First Christian Church of Stow Loaves & Fishes + Pantry
12/18 from 4pm-6pm
Must be registered with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank
3493 Darrow Rd, Stow 44224
- Catholic Charities Community Hot Meals
Monday 4:30pm-5:30pm
Tuesday 4:30pm-6:00pm
55 Broad St, Akron 44305

For more information follow our social media:



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