

## New Jersey Immunization Network



The New Jersey Immunization Network (NJIN) is excited to announce that we will be organizing the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Flu Warriors Festivals between September and December 2024!

Each year, NJIN partners with health care entities and host facilities from across the state to hold these community-based events where the public can receive an annual flu vaccine, access multilingual educational materials, and make connections with organizations from across the state and their communities. This year we have collaborated with Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers, Virtua Health, Saint Joseph's Health, and Hackensack Meridian Health to host 8 festivals. Our goal is to triple our last year's number of 430 individuals vaccinated against COVID and Flu. The 2024 Flu Festival season will span across the state and focus on those areas with large underserved and uninsured populations.

Over the past five years, outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases have been on the rise in New Jersey and across the country, as is evident with the most recent measles outbreaks. Science confirms the safety, effectiveness, and success of vaccines in protecting the health and wellness of children and adults.

The New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (NJAAP) and its statewide pediatric membership have long championed efforts to protect children and their families from vaccine preventable disease. Targeted advocacy and educational initiatives, supported by the tireless efforts of pediatric medical homes from across the state, have and continue to work together to ensure immunization rates in New Jersey are among the highest in the country. The New Jersey Immunization Network (NJIN), a statewide Coalition founded by NJAAP and now co-led with the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP), is the preeminent voice for vaccine advocacy in the state. The mission of the coalition, comprised of over 475 members

from both the public and private sectors, is to protect the health of all individuals through timely, age-appropriate immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases by educating the public, healthcare professionals, and policy makers about vaccine safety and benefits.

