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### **State waives immunization administration fees during National Immunization Awareness Month in August**

ANCHORAGE — State public health centers, the Municipality of Anchorage and Maniilaq Association will waive all immunization administration fees for state-provided vaccine during National Immunization Awareness Month in August. The usual fee is around \$28 for a vaccine.

The waiver applies to eligible Alaskans, including any child under the age of 3, and any Alaskan without health insurance. The fee waiver also applies to anyone who has insurance that does not cover vaccines or who doesn't know if it covers vaccines, who has not met the deductible, or who lives in remote Alaska and has no other access to vaccines except through Public Health Nursing.

National Immunization Awareness Month highlights the value of immunization across the lifespan, and celebrates the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in protecting against infectious diseases and promoting healthy communities.

The annual observance offers parents the perfect opportunity to update their children's vaccinations before school starts, while allowing all Alaskans to get up to date on vaccines.

Parents and individuals can schedule appointments by calling their local state public health center. For a list of all public health centers in Alaska go to: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Nursing/Pages/locations.aspx>.

For information on the Municipality of Anchorage public health center immunization clinic, go to: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/community/Pages/Disease.aspx>.

To find out more about immunization services at Maniilaq Association in Kotzebue, call 442-7144 or go to: <http://www.maniilaq.org/nursingServices.html>.

All other normal administrative fees for regular services still apply, but as always, fees will be charged on a sliding scale and no one will be refused services due to an inability to pay.

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