

**NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK**  
**DR. PATRICIA LOPEZ-GUTIERREZ, FAMILY MEDICINE, BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE HEALTH**

{\*\*INTRO\*\*}

This week is National Infant Immunization Week (starting 4/25/22)- and some public health officials say it deserves special emphasis this year.

[That's because the CDC reports a drop in childhood immunizations-](#) yet another side effect of the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in so many people delaying routine medical care.

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Baylor Scott & White family medicine Dr. Patricia Lopez-Gutierrez says it's important for families to catch up- and stick to the vaccination schedule.

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Dr. Patricia Lopez-Gutierrez  
Baylor Scott and White

"So those sets that they have a timeframe is because studies show that the time period where that immunity starts getting built up. So, if you delay vaccines, immunity may become less strong."

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She says getting caught up is especially important as more and more children return to childcare and school settings