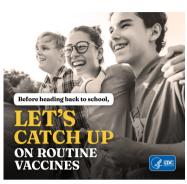


# Pennington & Red Lake Counties Wellness Newsletter August 2023

## **National Immunization Awareness** Month



From little babies to great grandparents, vaccines keep us all safe. Ensure your family is up-to-date with their immunizations for a long, healthy life! #VaccinesWork #HealthierHappierU #hChoices







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### **Docket App**

- View you or your family's immunization history from MIIC.
- Check what vaccines you or your family may be due for.
- Review what vaccines you or your family may need in the future.
- Share immunization records for health, school, travel, and other purposes.

## **National** Wellness Month

Rise and shine! August is National Wellness Month. Let's focus on selfcare, managing stress and promoting healthy routines. Start by doing something for yourself every day that keeps you in touch with your mind and body, and can ultimately lead you to a Happier, Healthier U. #NationalWellnessMonth #HealthierHappierU#hChoices

#### Stretch

Start your day with a stretch! Just 10 minutes in the morning can help improve your flexibility, posture, and mood.

#### **Breathe**

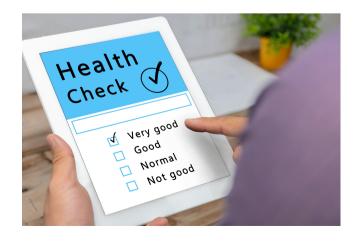
Breathe in, hold, breathe out. Did you know that mindful breathing can help reduce stress? Try this simple breathing exercise next time you need a calm moment



#### **Prioritize Your Health**

As summer comes to an end and back-to-school preparations kick in, it's crucial to prioritize your health with preventative screenings. Before the fall season arrives, make time to schedule important health screenings to safeguard your well-being. Whether it's routine check-ups or specific screenings based on your age and risk factors, early detection can play a vital role in preventing and managing health conditions.

Stay proactive and make your health a top priority as you transition into the new season.



# Getting Ready for Fall Sports and Tips on Being Safe

Warm up and stretch before practice and games.

**Drink Water** - Make sure to bring a water bottle to every practice. Drink plenty of water before, during and after play. Don't wait until you feel thirsty to drink water. If you feel dizzy, lightheaded or not right, make sure to tell your coach that you need a water break.

**Appropriate Gear** - Make sure to have the right equipment and wear it both for practices and games. That includes helmets, shin guards, mouth guards, ankle braces, shoes with rubber cleats and sunscreen.

Concussion Awareness - Know the signs and symptoms of a concussion and make sure your coach and parents know them too. If you think you have a concussion or just don't feel right, make sure to tell your coach right away so you can sit out and get checked out.

**Rest & Recovery** - If you have pain during or after practice or games, make sure to tell your coach, parents or another adult if you're hurt or don't feel well.

Know it's OK to take a break to rest during practice and games and tell your coach if you need one.

Make sure to take at least one or two days off each week from any sport.



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