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National Autism Awareness Month

Autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) refer to a group of developmental disabilities that vary in severity and affect socialization, communication and other behaviors in those that have them. Researchers are still currently searching for answers, as the exact causes of ASDs remain unknown. However, experts agree that there is no link between vaccines and developing an ASD. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccine ingredients do not cause autism.

In honor of National Autism Awareness Month, take some time to familiarize yourself with the three types of ASDs:

- **Autistic disorder** is characterized by impaired social interaction, communication issues (including problems with language), and unusual, repetitive or severely limited activities and interests. People with this disorder also often have intellectual disabilities.
- **Asperger's syndrome** is often associated with some of the symptoms of autistic disorder, but they are less severe. While problems with socializing and unusual behaviors and interests are not uncommon, Asperger's syndrome is not associated with language difficulties or intellectual disability.
- **Pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS)** is a term used to describe individuals who display only some of the signs of autistic disorder or Asperger's syndrome. These individuals' symptoms are often milder and only affect socialization and communication.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
National Distracted Driving Awareness Month Alcohol Awareness Month Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month National Autism Awareness Month National Child Abuse Prevention Month National Donate Life Month		National Facial Protection Month National Interprofessional Health Care Month National Minority Health Month Occupational Therapy Month Oral Cancer Awareness Month		Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Sexual Assault Awareness Month of Action Sports Eye Safety Month Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Awareness Month Women's Eye Health and Safety Month		
						1 April Fool's Day
2 National Youth Violence Prevention Week (2-7)	3 National Public Health Week (3-9)	4	5 Sexual Assault Awareness Day of Action	6	7 World Health Day National Alcohol Screening Day®	8
9	10 National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	11	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21 Every Kid Healthy™ Week (21-28)	22
23 National Infertility Awareness Week (23-29) World Immunization Week (23-29)	24 World Meningitis Day	25	26 National Infant Immunization Week (April 26-May 3)	27	28	29
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