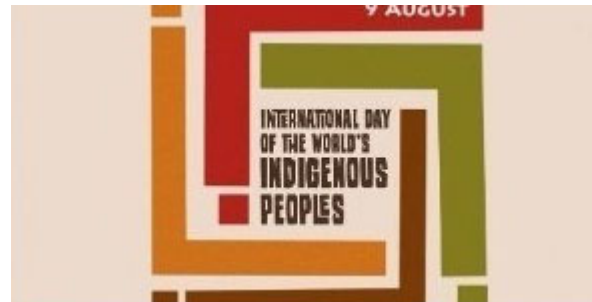


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[International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#) is celebrated annually by the United Nations on August 9. This year's theme is recognizing the role of indigenous women in the preservation and transmission of traditional knowledge. [Traditional knowledge](#) includes the cumulative knowledge, experience, and worldview of people with an extended history of interaction with the natural environment.



If you are interested in the history of local indigenous people of the Potomac River region, visit Jones Point Park at the southern tip of Old Town Alexandria. There you can find a historical marker noting that archeological evidence indicates humans have occupied the Potomac River Valley for over 13,000 years and [the first People of Jones Point](#) date back nearly 9,000 years! Many artifacts have been identified, including quartz flakes, stone tools, wood post remnants, and fire-cracked rock from settlements.

[Who are indigenous peoples?](#) There is no universal definition. However, common elements include:

- Self-identification as indigenous
- Historical continuity with pre-colonial and pre-settler societies

- Strong links to territories and natural resources
- Distinct language, culture, beliefs, and social, economic, and political systems
- Form non-dominant groups in society who resolve to maintain their ancestral heritage

The United Nations estimates there are approximately 370 million indigenous people in the world in 70 countries and belonging to thousands of different groups. Of those, 70% are believed to live in Asia and the Pacific. Other groups, such as the International Labor Organization, place the numbers at 470 million in 90 countries.

Indigenous people have become more politically active recently with an aim toward [cultural survival](#). Common issues focus on preserving the environment, reducing the impact of extractive industries on the earth's biodiversity, and preserving native language and culture through enhanced communication strategies. Follow [this link](#) for information available about indigenous peoples' advocacy and how you can get involved.

This month, the Rise to Immunize™ (RIZE) campaign is pleased to celebrate its inaugural [RIZE Action Month](#) in conjunction with National Immunization Awareness Month. RIZE Action Month is the campaign's annual observance and aims to mobilize campaign participants to take action to advance our goal of 25 million vaccines administered by 2025.

AMGA member groups involved in RIZE are taking action throughout the month by hosting 30- to 60- minute educational events (virtual or in-person) focused on empowering their healthcare professionals to make strong vaccine recommendations. RIZE groups across the country are viewing the campaign video, [“5 Strategies to Strengthen Your Vaccine Recommendation”](#) and discussing its application with their immunization teams. This video was developed in collaboration with the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) and highlights the key components of providing strong vaccine recommendations, including five CDC-recommended strategies for healthcare professionals to use with patients who express vaccine contemplation.

Meet the DE&I Committee

Over the next several months, you will have the opportunity to meet the members of the DE&I Committee and learn why participating is important to them. For August, meet Danielle Casanova and Darryl Drevna. View [here](#).

Resources of the Month

- [Website](#): National Today: International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- [Website](#): Alexandria the Best of: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- [Website](#): United Nations: The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation & Transmission of Traditional Knowledge
- [Video](#): United Nations: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- [Website](#): The World Bank: Indigenous Peoples

National Immunization Awareness Month

- [Website](#): CDC: Get Back on Track with Routine Vaccines
- [Article](#): Immunization Schedules

Raise Your Cultural IQ!

Did You Know?

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). In honor of NIAM, here are five important immunization facts to remember:

1. Vaccines [prevent 2 to 3 million deaths](#) each year.
2. Not all vaccines are administered via injection — [some can be taken orally](#).
3. Most diseases prevented by vaccines are [no longer common in the United States](#).
4. At least **14 diseases** have **nearly been eradicated** thanks to vaccines. These diseases include: [Polio](#), [Tetanus](#), [Smallpox](#), [Hepatitis B](#), [Hepatitis A](#), [Rubella](#), [Hib](#), [Measles](#), [Whooping Cough \(Pertussis\)](#), [Pneumococcal Disease](#), [Rotavirus](#), [Mumps](#), [Varicella \(Chickenpox\)](#), and [Diphtheria](#).
5. Vaccines helped [reduce measles deaths globally by 78%](#) between 2000 and 2008.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that for every dollar spent on childhood vaccinations,

- [Website](#): Department of Veterans Affairs: Quality of Care
- [Article](#): NEJM: The Vaccine-Hesitant Moment

Do you have a resource you want to see in the next edition of the *DE&I Digest*? Next month, we'll be celebrating **Independence Day and Disability Independence Day!** Send resources to DEICommittee@amga.org for review by the DE&I Committee. Please ensure resources submitted are from reputable sources.

the country saves \$10.90. Treating vaccine-preventable diseases can be expensive, while routine vaccines can prevent an estimated 1,913 illnesses per hour in the US. Are you fully vaccinated? Click the link below to check:

[The Adult Vaccine Assessment | CDC](#)

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? We'd love to hear from you! Email the DE&I Committee at DEICommittee@amga.org

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