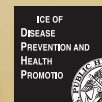


2012



National Health Observances





Health observances are special days, weeks, or months used to raise awareness of important health topics. Examples include the Great American Smokeout and World AIDS Day.



2012 National Health Observances:

- Year at a Glance provides a summary of health observances by month.
- The Complete Calendar includes full listings by month and date, including contact information for the sponsoring agencies. The Complete Calendar is also available in PDF.

Attention health professionals, teachers, and community groups!

By supporting National Health Observances, you can:

- Educate the public about health risks
- Organize successful health promotion events and campaigns
- Get new ideas, information, and resources on health topics of interest

Contact the sponsoring organization to request outreach materials and information.

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(240) 453-8280

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(202) 690-5560

Office of Human Research Protections
(240) 453-6900

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(240) 453-2882

Office of Population Affairs
(240) 453-2800

Office of Research Integrity
(240) 453-8200

Office of the Surgeon General
(301) 443-4000

Office on Women's Health
(202) 690-7650

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports
(202) 690-9000

Administration for Children and Families
(202) 401-9215

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(202) 401-4541

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
(301) 427-1855

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
(404) 498-0070

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
(404) 639-3286

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
(202) 690-6145

Food and Drug Administration
(301) 796-4540

Health Resources and Services Administration
(301) 443-3376

Indian Health Service
(301) 443-3593

National Institutes of Health
(301) 496-5787

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
(240) 276-2130



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8 – 14 National Folic Acid Awareness Week	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 3 Give Kids A Smile® Day 3 National Wear Red Day	4
5	6	7 7 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 7 – 14 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 14 National Donor Day	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 – 10 Patient Safety Awareness Week 4	5 – 9 National School Breakfast Week 5 – 11 National Sleep Awareness Week® 5	6	7	8 World Kidney Day 8	9	10 National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 10
11	12 – 18 Brain Awareness Week 12	13	14	15	16	17
18 – 24 National Poison Prevention Week 18	19	20 National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 20	21	22	23	24 World Tuberculosis Day 24
25 – 31 National Tsunami Awareness Week 25	26 – April 1 World Salt Awareness Week 26	27 American Diabetes Alert Day 27	28	29	30	31



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 – 8 National Public Health Week	3	4	5 National Alcohol Screening Day®	6	7 World Health Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 – 28 National Infant Immunization Week
22 – 28 National Infertility Awareness Week	23	24 World Meningitis Day	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 – 12 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week 6 – 12 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week	7 – 11 Air Quality Awareness Week 7 – 13 National Stuttering Awareness Week					12 Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Awareness Day
13 – 19 Food Allergy Awareness Week 13 – 19 National Alcohol- and Other Drug-Related Birth Defects Awareness Week 13 – 19 National Women's Health Week	14 National Women's Check-up Day				18 HIV Vaccine Awareness Day	19 National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
	21 – 27 Recreational Water Illness and Injury Prevention Week				25 Heat Safety Awareness Day	
27 – June 2 National Hurricane Preparedness Week			30 National Senior Health & Fitness Day®	31 World No Tobacco Day		



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 – July 4 Fireworks Safety Month 1	2
3 National Cancer Survivors Day 3 – 9 National Rip Current Awareness Week 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 – 17 Men's Health Week 11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 World Sickle Cell Day 19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 National HIV Testing Day 27	28	29	30



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 28 World Hepatitis Day
29	30	31				



August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1 – 7 World Breastfeeding Week	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10 10 – 14 National Health Information Technology Week	11	12	13 13 National Celiac Disease Awareness Day	14	15
16 16 – 22 National Farm Safety & Health Week 16 – 22 National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration	17	18 18 Get Ready Day 18 National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day	19 19 National School Backpack Awareness Day	20	21 21 World Alzheimer's Day	22
23 30 Sport Purple For Platelets Day	24	25	26 26 National Women's Health & Fitness Day™	27 27 National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 27 RAINN Day	28 28 World Rabies Day	29 29 Family Health & Fitness Day USA® 29 World Heart Day



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Child Health Day 1 – 6 Drive Safely Work Week	2	3 Walk to School Day	4	5	6
7 Mental Illness Awareness Week	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11 National Depression Screening Day®	12 – 20 Bone and Joint Health National Awareness Week	13
14 – 20 International Infection Prevention Week	15 National Latino AIDS Awareness Day	16 World Food Day	17	18	19	20
21	22 International Stuttering Awareness Day	23 – 31 Red Ribbon Week	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 – 18 Drowsy Driving Prevention Week	13	14 – 18 Get Smart About Antibiotics Week	15 Great American Smokeout	16	17 International Survivors of Suicide Day
18 – 24 Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Awareness Week	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 World AIDS Day 1
2 2 – 8 National Handwashing Awareness Week	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



January

Cervical Health Awareness Month

National Cervical Cancer Coalition
6520 Platt Avenue, #693
West Hills, CA 91307-3218
(818) 992-4242
info@nccc-online.org
<http://www.nccc-online.org/awareness.html>
Materials available
Contact: Samantha Thompson

National Birth Defects Prevention Month

National Birth Defects Prevention Network
14781 Memorial Drive, #1561
Houston, TX 77079
nbdpn@nbdpn.org
<http://www.nbdpn.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

National Glaucoma Awareness Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

National Radon Action Month

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Mail Code 6609J
Washington, DC 20460
(202) 343-9206
(202) 343-2394 Fax
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/nram>
Materials available
Contact: Gina Bowler

National Stalking Awareness Month

National Center for Victims of Crime
2000 M Street NW, Suite 480
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 467-8700
(202) 467-8701
<http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Thyroid Awareness Month

American Association of Clinical
Endocrinologists
245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 200
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 353-7878
(904) 404-4207 Fax
kpan@aace.com
<http://www.thyroidawareness.com>
Materials available
Contact: Karen Pan

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National Folic Acid Awareness Week

National Council on Folic Acid
c/o Spina Bifida Association
4590 MacArthur Boulevard NW, Suite 250
Washington, DC 20007
(800) 621-3141 x13
(202) 944-3285 x13
(202) 944-3295 Fax
ncfa@sbaa.org
<http://www.folicacidinfo.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

February

AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://www.preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

Heart Month

American Heart Association
7272 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75231
(800) 242-8721
<http://www.heart.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

International Prenatal Infection Prevention Month

Group B Strep International
11 El Dorado Court
Pomona, CA 91766
(909) 620-7214
(909) 620-5557 Fax
info@gbs-intl.org
<http://www.groupbstrepinternational.org>
Materials available
Contact: Marti Perhach

National Children's Dental Health Month

American Dental Association
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611-2637
(800) 621-8099
ncdhm@ada.org
<http://www.ada.org/2714.aspx>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Break the Cycle
P. O. Box 21034
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 824-0707
(202) 824-0747 Fax
teendvmonth@breakthecycle.org
<http://www.teendvmonth.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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Give Kids A Smile® Day

American Dental Association
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611-2637
(312) 440-2500
gkas@ada.org
<http://givekidsasmile.ada.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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3 National Wear Red Day

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Health Information Center
Attention: The Heart Truth
P.O. Box 30105
Bethesda, MD 20824-0105
(301) 592-8573
(240) 629-3255 TTY
(301) 592-8563 Fax
nhlbiinfo@nhlbi.nih.gov
<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/hearttruth>
Materials available
Contact: Information Specialist

7 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Healthy Black Communities, Inc.
964 Ralph David Abernathy, Suite C12
Atlanta, GA 30310-1833
(404) 454-5469
info@blackaidsday.org
<http://www.blackaidsday.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

7 – 14 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

Congenital Heart Information Network
101 North Washington Avenue, Suite 1A
Margate City, NJ 08402
(609) 882-1572
(609) 822-1573
(609) 822-1574 Fax
mb@tchin.org
<http://tchin.org/aware>
Materials available
Contact: Mona Barmash

14 National Donor Day

Division of Transplantation, Healthcare
Systems Bureau
Health Resources and Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
Parklawn Building, Room 12C-05
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
(888) 275-4772
(703) 821-2098 Fax
ask@hrsa.gov
<http://www.organdonor.gov>
Materials available
Contact: Division of Transplantation Staff



March

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Prevent Cancer Foundation
1600 Duke Street, Suite 500
Alexandria, VA 22314
(800) 227-2732
(703) 886-4413 Fax
sarah.abou@preventcancer.org
<http://www.preventcancer.org/colorectal>
Materials available
Contact: Sarah Abou

National Endometriosis Awareness Month

Endometriosis Association
8585 North 76th Place
Milwaukee, WI 53223
(414) 355-2200
(414) 355-6065 Fax
carol@endometiosisassn.org
<http://www.endometiosisassn.org>
Materials available
Contact: Carol Drury

National Nutrition Month®

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000
Chicago, IL 60606-6995
nnm@eatright.org
<http://www.eatright.org/nnm>
Materials available
Contact: Knowledge Center

Save Your Vision Month

American Optometric Association
243 North Lindbergh Boulevard, First Floor
St. Louis, MO 63141
(800) 365-2219
(314) 991-4100
(314) 991-4101 Fax
mcbryson@aoa.org
<http://www.aoa.org/x5072.xml>
Materials available
Contact: Cathy Bryson

Trisomy Awareness Month

Support Organization for Trisomy 18, 13 &
Related Disorders
2982 South Union Street
Rochester, NY 14624-1926
(800) 716-SOFT -7638
(585) 594-4621
(585) 594-1957 Fax
barbsoft@rochester.rr.com
<http://www.trisomy.org>
Materials available
Contact: Barb Vanherreweghe

Workplace Eye Wellness Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://www.preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

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Patient Safety Awareness Week

National Patient Safety Foundation
268 Summer Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02210 USA
(617) 391-9900
(617) 391-9999 Fax
<http://www.npsf.org/events-forums/patient-safety-awareness-week/>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

5 – 9

National School Breakfast Week

School Nutrition Association
120 Waterfront Street, Suite 300
National Harbor, MD 20745
(800) 877-8822
(301) 686-3100
(301) 686-3115 Fax
servicecenter@schoolnutrition.org
<http://www.schoolnutrition.org/nsbw>
Materials available
Contact: Laura Maynard

5 – 11

National Sleep Awareness Week®

National Sleep Foundation
1010 North Glebe Road, Suite 310
Arlington, VA 22201
(703) 243-1697
nsf@sleepfoundation.org
<http://www.sleepfoundation.org/event/national-sleep-awareness-week>
Materials available
Contact: Jennifer Cowher Williams

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World Kidney Day

National Kidney Foundation
30 East 33rd Street
New York, NY 10016
(800) 622-9010
(212) 889-2210
(212) 889-2310 Fax
info@kidney.org
<http://www.kidney.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Office on Women's Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 728 E
Washington, DC 20201
(202) 690-7650
(202) 401-4005 Fax
<http://www.womenshealth.gov/nwghaad/>
Materials available
Contact: Monique Claggett-Davis

12 – 18

Brain Awareness Week

Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives
505 Fifth Avenue, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10017
(212) 401-1689
(212) 593-7623 Fax
bawinfo@dana.org
<http://www.dana.org/brainweek>
Materials available
Contact: Kathleen Roina

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18 – 24

National Poison Prevention Week

Poison Prevention Week Council
P.O. Box 1543
Washington, DC 20013
(703) 894-1858
(703) 683-2812 Fax
wells@aapcc.org
<http://www.poisonprevention.org/poison.htm>
Materials available
Contact: Holly Wells

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National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
720 South Colorado Blvd., Suite 650-S
Denver, CO 80246
(720) 382-2244
(720) 382-2248 Fax
<http://www.nnaapc.org/news/awareness-day.htm>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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World Tuberculosis Day

Stop TB Partnership (Secretariat)
World Health Organization
HTM/STB/TBP
20, avenue Appia
CH-1211 Geneva 27
SWITZERLAND
+(41) 22 791 2690
+(41) 22 791 4886 Fax
stoptbinfo@who.int
http://www.stoptb.org/events/world_tb_day
Materials available
Contact: None designated

25 – 31

National Tsunami Awareness Week

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service
Office of Climate, Water, and Weather Services
1325 East West Highway, Room 9462
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 713-1677 x124
deborah.jones@noaa.gov
<http://www.tsunami.gov>
Materials available
Contact: Deborah Jones

26 – April 1

World Salt Awareness Week

World Action on Salt & Health
Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine
Queen Mary, University of London
Charterhouse Square
London, EC1M 6BQ
UNITED KINGDOM
(020) 7882-7941
wash@qmul.ac.uk
<http://www.worldactiononsalt.com>
Materials Available
Contact: None designated

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American Diabetes Alert Day

American Diabetes Association
1701 North Beauregard Street
Alexandria, VA 22311
(800) DIABETES (342-2383)
(703) 549-1500
(703) 549-6995 Fax
askada@diabetes.org
<http://www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/programs/alert-day>
Materials available
Contact: Local Chapters



April

Alcohol Awareness Month

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc.
244 East 58th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10022
(800) NCA-CALL (622-2255) (24-hour helpline)
(212) 269-7797
(212) 269-7510 Fax
national@ncadd.org
<http://www.ncadd.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month

International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
P.O. Box 170864
Milwaukee, WI 53217-8076
(888) 964-2001
(414) 964-1799
(414) 964-7176 Fax
iffgd@iffgd.org
<http://www.aboutibs.org/site/about-ibs/april-ibs-awareness-month>
Materials available
Contact: Nancy Norton

National Autism Awareness Month

The Autism Society
4340 East West Highway, Suite 350
Bethesda, MD 20814-3067
(800) 3-AUTISM (328-8476)
(301) 657-0881
(301) 657-0869 Fax
info@autism-society.org
<http://www.autism-society.org/about-us/national-autism-awareness-month>
Materials available
Contact: Jennifer Repella

National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

FocusDriven
P. O. Box 7001
River Forest, IL 60305
(603) 775-2405
info@focusdriven.org
<http://www.focusdriven.org/index.aspx>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

National Donate Life Month

Division of Transplantation, Healthcare Systems Bureau
Health Resources and Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Parklawn Building, Room 12C-05
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
(888) 275-4772
(703) 821-2098 Fax
ask@hrsa.gov
<http://www.organdonor.gov>
Materials available
Contact: Division of Transplantation Staff

National Facial Protection Month

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Association of Orthodontists
9700 West Bryn Mawr Avenue
Rosemont, IL 60018
(847) 678-6200
inquiries@aaoms.org
<http://www.aaoms.org>
Materials available
Contact: AAOMS Communications

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National Minority Health Month

Office of Minority Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
P.O. Box 37337
Washington, DC 20013-7337
(800) 444-6472
(240) 453-2883 Fax
info@minorityhealth.hhs.gov
http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/
Materials available
Contact: Information Specialist

National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month

National Sarcoidosis Society
National Sarcoidosis Foundation
Mercy Hospital & Medical Center
2525 South Michigan Avenue, Lower Area -
Media Area
Chicago, IL 60616
(312) 567-6626
(312) 567-6144 Fax
sarcoidosis3@gmail.com
http://www.nationalsarcoidosisfriends.org
Materials available
Contact: Glenda Fulton

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
(RAINN)
2000 L Street NW, Suite 406
Washington, DC 20036
(800) 656-4673
info@rainn.org
http://www.rainn.org
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Sports Eye Safety Awareness Month

American Academy of Ophthalmology
P.O. Box 7424
San Francisco, CA 94120-7424
(415) 561-8500
(415) 561-8533 Fax
eyemd@aao.org
http://www.geteyesmart.org/eyesmart/injuries/
index.cfm
Materials available
Contact: Georgia Alward

STI Awareness Month

American Social Health
P. O. Box 13827
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3827
(919) 361-8400
(919) 361-8425 Fax
info@ashastd.org
http://www.ashastd.org/stiawarenessmonth.
cfm
Materials available
Contact: ASHA Media Relations Office

Women's Eye Health and Safety Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
http://www.preventblindness.org
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

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National Public Health Week

American Public Health Association
800 I Street NW
Washington, DC 20001-3710
(202) 777-2425
(202) 777-2500 TTY
(202) 777-2532 Fax
cintya.renderos@apha.org
<http://www.nphw.org>
Materials available
Contact: Cintya Renderos

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National Alcohol Screening Day®

Screening for Mental Health, Inc.
One Washington Street, Suite 304
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481
(781) 239-0071
(781) 431-7447 Fax
smhinfo@mentalhealthscreening.org
<http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/events/national-alcohol-screening-day.aspx>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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World Health Day

Pan American Health Organization
WHO Regional Office for the Americas
525 23rd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037-2895
(202) 974-3000
(202) 974-3663 Fax
<http://www.who.int/world-health-day/en/>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

21 – 28

National Infant Immunization Week

National Center for Immunization and
Respiratory Diseases
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road NE, MS A27
Atlanta, GA 30333
(800) CDC-INFO (232-4636)
(404) 639-1862
(404) 639-8905 Fax
cdcinfo@cdc.gov
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/default.html>
Materials available
Contact: Dwan Hightower

22 – 28

National Infertility Awareness Week

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association
1760 Old Meadow Road, Suite 500
McLean, VA 22102
(703) 556-7172
(703) 506-3266 Fax
<http://www.resolve.org>
Materials available
Contact: Rebecca Flick

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World Meningitis Day

Confederation of Meningitis Organization
Telethon Institute for Child Health Research
P.O. Box 855
West Perth
AUSTRALIA, 6872
+61 894897791
+ 61 894897705 Fax
lindag@ichr.uwa.edu.au
<http://www.comoonline.org>
Materials available
Contact: Linda Gibbs

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May

Arthritis Awareness Month

Arthritis Foundation
P.O. Box 7669
Atlanta, GA 30357-0669
(800) 283-7800
(404) 872-0457 Fax
help@arthritis.org
<http://www.arthritis.org>
Materials available
Contact: Carol Galbreath

Better Hearing and Speech Month

American Speech-Language-Hearing
Association
2200 Research Boulevard, Mailstop 215
Rockville, MD 20850
(800) 498-2071
(301) 296-5700
(301) 296-8580 Fax
bhsm@asha.org
<http://www.asha.org/bhsm/>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Global Employee Health and Fitness Month

National Association for Health and Fitness
65 Niagara Square, Room 607
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 583-0521
(716) 851-4052
(716) 851-4309 Fax
wellness@city-buffalo.org
<http://physicalfitness.org>
Materials available
Contact: Philip Haberstro

Healthy Vision Month

National Eye Institute
National Institutes of Health
Building 31, Room 6A32
31 Center Drive
Bethesda, MD 20892
(301) 496-5248
(301) 402-1065 Fax
<http://www.nei.nih.gov/healthyvisionmonth>
Materials available
Contact: Linda Huss

Hepatitis Awareness Month

Hepatitis Foundation International
504 Blick Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904-2901
(800) 891-0707
(301) 622-4200
(301) 622-4702 Fax
info@hepatitisfoundation.org
<http://www.hepatitisfoundation.org>
Materials available
Contact: Thelma King Thiel

Lupus Awareness Month

Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.
2000 L Street NW, Suite 410
Washington, DC 20036
(888) 385-8787
(202) 349-1155
(202) 349-1156 Fax
info@lupus.org
<http://www.lupus.org/newsite/pages/lupus-awareness-month.html>
Materials available
Contact: Duane Peters

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Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month®

American Academy of Dermatology
930 East Woodfield Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(888) 462-DERM (462-3376)
(847) 330-0230
(847) 330-8907 Fax
mediarelations@aad.org
<http://www.melanomamonday.org>
Materials available
Contact: Allison Sit

Mental Health Month

Mental Health America
2000 North Beauregard Street, 6th Floor
Alexandria, VA 22311
(800) 969-6642
(703) 684-7722
(703) 684-5968 Fax
rbridge@mentalhealthamerica.net
<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/may>
Materials available
Contact: Raymond Bridge

National Celiac Disease Awareness Month

American Celiac Disease Alliance
2504 Duxbury Place
Alexandria, VA 22308
(703) 622-3331
info@americaneliac.org
<http://www.americaneliac.org>
Materials available
Contact: Andrea Levario

National High Blood Pressure Education Month

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Health Information Center
P.O. Box 30105
Bethesda, MD 20824-0105
(301) 592-8573
(301) 592-8563 Fax
nhlbiinfo@nhlbi.nih.gov
<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov>
Materials available
Contact: Information Specialist

National Mediterranean Diet Month

Oldways and the Mediterranean Foods Alliance
266 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 421-5500
(617) 421-5511 Fax
gorcutt@oldwayspt.org
<http://www.oldwayspt.org>
Materials available
Contact: Georgia Orcutt

National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month

National Osteoporosis Foundation
1150 17th Street NW, Suite 850
Washington, DC 20036
(800) 231-4222
(202) 223-2226
(202) 223-2237 Fax
communications@nof.org
<http://www.nof.org>
Materials available
Contact: Valerie Patmintra

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National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports
1101 Wootton Parkway, #560
Rockville, MD 20852
(240) 276-9567
(240) 276-9860 Fax
fitness@hhs.gov
<http://www.fitness.gov>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

National Toxic Encephalopathy and Chemical Injury Awareness Month

National Toxic Encephalopathy Foundation
P.O. Box 29194
Las Vegas, NV 89126
(702) 490-9677
Angel@ntef-usa.org
<http://www.ntef-usa.org>
Materials available
Contact: Angel De Fazio

Older Americans Month

U.S. Administration on Aging
1 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 619-0724
(202) 357-3555
aoainfo@aoa.gov
http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Press_Room/Observances/2012/Older_Americans.aspx
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Ultraviolet Awareness Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://www.preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

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Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
9605 Medical Center Drive, Suite 280
Rockville, MD 20850
(240) 403-1901
(240) 403-1909 Fax
ffcmh@ffcmh.org
<http://www.ffcmh.org>
Materials available
Contact: Sandra A. Spencer

6 – 12

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week

American Society of Safety Engineers
ASSE Public Relations Department
1800 East Oakton Street
Des Plaines, IL 60018-2187
(847) 699-2929
(847) 768-3413
(847) 296-3769 Fax
dhurns@asse.org
<http://www.asse.org/newsroom>
Materials available
Contact: Diane Hurns

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Air Quality Awareness Week

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration National Weather Service
Office of Climate, Water, and Weather
Services
1325 East West Highway, Room 13160
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 713-1867 x135
jannie.g.ferrell@noaa.gov
<http://www.airquality.noaa.gov>
Materials available
Contact: Jannie G. Ferrell

7 – 13

National Stuttering Awareness Week

Stuttering Foundation of America
1805 Moriah Woods Boulevard, #3
P.O. Box 11749
Memphis, TN 38111-0749
(800) 992-9392
(800) 967-7700
(901) 761-0484 Fax
info@stutteringhelp.org
<http://www.stutteringhelp.org>
Materials available
Contact: Jane Fraser

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Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Awareness Day

CdLS-USA Foundation
302 West Main Street, #100
Avon, CT 06001
(800) 753-2357
(800) 223-8355
(860) 676-8166
(860) 676-8255
(860) 676-8337 Fax
outreach@cldsusa.org
<http://www.cldsusa.org>
Materials available
Contact: Marie Malloy

13 – 19

Food Allergy Awareness Week

Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network
11781 Lee Jackson Highway, Suite 160
Fairfax, VA 22033
(800) 929-4040
(703) 691-3179
(703) 691-2713 Fax
faaw@foodallergy.org
<http://www.foodallergy.org>
Materials available
Contact: Jennifer Roeder

13 – 19

National Alcohol- and Other Drug- Related Birth Defects Awareness Week

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug
Dependence, Inc.
244 East 58th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10022
(800) NCA-CALL (622-2255) (24-hour
helpline)
(212) 269-7797
(212) 269-7510 Fax
president@ncadd.org
<http://www.ncadd.org>
Materials available
Contact: President

13 – 19

National Women's Health Week

Office on Women's Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 712E
Washington, DC 20201
(800) 994-9662
(202) 205-1952
(202) 690-7172 Fax
<http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw>
Materials available
Contact: Retta Terry

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14 National Women's Check-up Day

Office on Women's Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 712 E
Washington, DC 20201
(800) 994-9662
(202) 205-1952
(202) 690-7172 Fax
<http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw/check-up-day/>

Materials available
Contact: Retta Terry

18 HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious
Diseases
Division of AIDS
Vaccine Research Program
6700-B Rockledge Drive, Room 4139
Bethesda, MD 20892
(301) 435-3732
(301) 402-1505 Fax
niaidaidsscib@niaid.nih.gov
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/news/events/hvad/Pages/default.aspx>

Materials available
Contact: NIAID SCIB

19 National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

The Banyan Tree Project
Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center
730 Polk Street, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94109
(415) 292-3420
(415) 292-3404 Fax
sapna@apiwellness.org
<http://www.banyantreeproject.org>
Materials available
Contact: Sapna Mysoor

21 – 27 Recreational Water Illness and Injury Prevention Week

Waterborne Disease Prevention Branch
Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and
Environmental Diseases
National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic
Infectious Diseases
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, Mail Stop C-09
Atlanta, GA 30329-4018
(404) 718-4695
(404) 718-4842 Fax
mhlavsa@cdc.gov
<http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/rwi/rwi-preventionweek>

Materials available
Contact: Michele Hlavsa

25 Heat Safety Awareness Day

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration National Weather Service
Office of Climate, Water, and Weather
Services
1325 East West Highway, Room 13160
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 713-1867 x135
jannie.g.ferrell@noaa.gov
<http://www.weather.gov/om/heat/index.shtml>
Materials available
Contact: Jannie G. Ferrell

27 – June 2 National Hurricane Preparedness Week

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration National Weather Service
Office of Climate, Water, and Weather
Services
1325 East West Highway, Room 9462
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 713-1677 x124
deborah.jones@noaa.gov
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>
Materials available
Contact: Deborah Jones

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National Senior Health & Fitness Day®

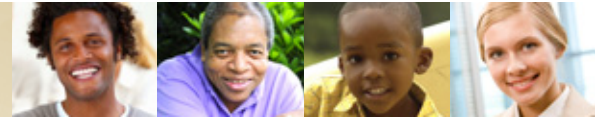
Mature Market Resource Center
1850 West Winchester Road, #213
Libertyville, IL 60048
(800) 828-8225
info@fitnessday.com
<http://www.fitnessday.com>
Materials available
Contact: Gary W. Ford

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World No Tobacco Day

Pan American Health Organization
WHO Regional Office for the Americas
525 23rd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037-2895
(202) 974-3000
(202) 974-3663 Fax
<http://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd/en>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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June

Cataract Awareness Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
http://www.preventblindness.org
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

Men's Health Month

Men's Health Network
P.O. Box 75972
Washington, DC 20013
(202) 543-6461 x101
(202) 543-2727 Fax
info@menshealthweek.org
http://www.menshealthmonth.org
Materials available
Contact: Theresa Morrow

National Aphasia Awareness Month

National Aphasia Association
350 Seventh Avenue, Suite 902
New York, NY 10001
(800) 922-4622
(212) 267-2814
(212) 267-2812 Fax
naa@aphasia.org
http://www.aphasia.org
Materials available
Contact: Ellayne Ganzfried

National Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month

Stop CMV - The CMV Action Network
P. O. Box 62214
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-2214
(209) 712-9929
awareness@stopcmv.org
http://www.stopcmv.org
Materials available
Contact: Janelle Greenlee

National Safety Month

National Safety Council
1121 Spring Lake Drive
Itasca, IL 60143-3201
(800) 621-7615
(630) 285-1121
(630) 285-1315 Fax
info@nsc.org
http://www.nsc.org
Materials available
Contact: None designated

National Scleroderma Awareness Month

Scleroderma Foundation
300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105
Danvers, MA 01923
(800) 722-HOPE (722-4673)
(978) 463-5809 Fax
sinfo@scleroderma.org
http://www.scleroderma.org
Materials available
Contact: National Office or Local Chapters

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1 – July 4 **Fireworks Safety Month**

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://www.preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

3 **National Cancer Survivors Day**

National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation
P.O. Box 682285
Franklin, TN 37068
(615) 794-3006
(615) 794-0179 Fax
info@ncsd.org
<http://www.ncsd.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

3 – 9 **National Rip Current Awareness Week**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration National Weather Service
Office of Climate, Water, and Weather
Services
1325 East West Highway, Room 9462
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 713-1677 x124
deborah.jones@noaa.gov
<http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov>
Materials available
Contact: Deborah Jones

11 – 17 **Men's Health Week**

Men's Health Network
P.O. Box 75972
Washington, DC 20013
(202) 543-6461 x101
(202) 543-2727 Fax
info@menshealthweek.org
<http://www.menshealthmonth.org/week/>
Materials available
Contact: Theresa Morrow

19 **World Sickle Cell Day**

African American Blood Drive and Bone
Marrow Registry for Sickle Cell Disease
Awareness
P.O. Box 1275
Inglewood, CA 90308-1275
(323) 750-1087
aa4scdawareness@aol.com
<http://worldsicklecellday.webs.com>
Materials available
Contact: Nita Thompson

27 **National HIV Testing Day**

National Association of People with AIDS
8401 Colesville Road, Suite 505
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3349
(866) 846-9366
(240) 247-0880
(240) 247-0574 Fax
info@napwa.org
<http://www.napwa.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated



July

Cord Blood Awareness Month

Parent's Guide to Cord Blood Foundation
23110 Georgia Avenue
Brookeville, MD 20833
(301) 774-4915
info@parentsguidecordblood.org
<http://www.parentsguidecordblood.org>
Materials available
Contact: Dr. Frances Verter

International Group B Strep Awareness Month

Group B Strep International
11 El Dorado Court
Pomona, CA 91766
(909) 620-7214
(909) 620-5557 Fax
info@gbs-intl.org
<http://www.groupbstrepinternational.org>
Materials available
Contact: Marti Perhach

Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

Arthritis Foundation
P.O. Box 7669
Atlanta, GA 30357-0669
(800) 283-7800
(404) 872-0457 Fax
help@arthritis.org
<http://www.arthritis.org/ja-alliance-main.php>
Materials available
Contact: Carol Galbreath

National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness & Prevention Month

AmeriFace
P. O. Box 751112
Las Vegas, NV 89136-1112
(888) 486-1209
(702) 769-9264
(702) 341-5351 Fax
info@nccapm.org
<http://www.nccapm.org/>
Materials available
Contact: Debbie Oliver

UV Safety Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://www.preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

28 World Hepatitis Day

National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable
rhessmiller@nvhr.org
<http://www.nvhr.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated



August

Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://www.preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

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World Breastfeeding Week

World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action
P. O. Box 4097
Schaumburg, IL 60168-4079
(847) 519-7730
(847) 969-0460 Fax
waba@waba.org
<http://www.worldbreastfeedingweek.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated



September

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

CureSearch for Children's Cancer
4600 East-West Highway, Suite 600
Bethesda, MD 20814
(800) 458-6223
(301) 718-0047 Fax
info@curesearch.org
http://www.curesearch.org
Contact: None designated

Fruit and Veggies—More Matters Month

Produce for Better Health Foundation
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
7465 Lancaster Pike, Suite J, 2nd Floor
Hockessin, DE 19707
(302) 235-2329
(302) 235-5555 Fax
teaton@pphfoundation.org
http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org
Materials available
Contact: Toni Eaton

Healthy Aging® Month

Educational Television Network, Inc.
P. O. Box 442
Unionville, PA 19375
(610) 793-0979
info@healthyaging.net
http://www.healthyaging.net/events.htm
Materials available
Contact: Information Specialist

Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 310
White Plains, NY 10605
(800) 955-4572
http://www.lls.org
Materials available
Contact: Information Resource Center

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Office of the Director, Consumer Affairs
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Administration
1 Choke Cherry Road, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20857
(800) 662-HELP (662-4357)
(240) 276-2750
(240) 276-2710 Fax
recoverymonth@samhsa.hhs.gov
http://www.recoverymonth.gov
Materials available
Contact: Consumer Affairs

National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month

American Foundation for Women's Health
P. O. Box 541
Greenwood, TX 76246-0541
(940) 466-9898
mhills@stopafib.org
http://www.stopafib.org
Materials available
Contact: Mellanie True Hills

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National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

American College of Sports Medicine
P.O. Box 1440
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1440
(317) 637-9200
coam@acsm.org
<http://www.healthierkidsbrighterfutures.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

National Cholesterol Education Month

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Health Information Center
P.O. Box 30105
Bethesda, MD 20824-0105
(301) 592-8573
(301) 592-8563 Fax
nhlbiinfo@nhlbi.nih.gov
<http://hp2010.nhlbihin.net/cholmonth>
Materials available
Contact: Information Specialist

National ITP Awareness Month

Platelet Disorder Support Association
133 Rollins Avenue, Suite 500
Rockville, MD 20852
(877-528-3538)
(301) 770-6636
(301) 770-6638 Fax
pdsa@pdsa.org
<http://www.pdsa.org>
Materials available
Contact: Nancy Potthast

National Pediculosis Prevention Month/ Head Lice Prevention Month

National Pediculosis Association, Inc.
1005 Boylston Street, #343
Newton, MA 02461
(617) 905-0176
(812) 434-6652 Fax
npa@headlice.org
<http://www.headlice.org>
Materials available
Contact: Deborah Altschuler

National Sickle Cell Month

Sickle Cell Disease Association of
America, Inc.
231 East Baltimore Street, Suite 800
Baltimore, MD 21202
(800) 421-8453
(410) 528-1495
(410) 528-1555 Fax
scdaa@sicklecelldisease.org
<http://www.sicklecelldisease.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Newborn Screening Awareness Month

Save Babies Through Screening
Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 42197
Cincinnati, OH 45242
(888) 454-3383
<http://www.savebabies.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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National Yoga Awareness Month

Yoga Health Foundation
P. O. Box 725
Fairhope, AL 36533
(251) 990-9552
info@yogamonth.org
<http://www.yogamonth.org>
Materials available
Contact: Meredith Montgomery

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

National Ovarian Cancer Coalition
2501 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 435
Dallas, TX 75219
(888) OVARIAN (682-7426)
(214) 273-4200
nocc@ovarian.org
<http://www.ovarian.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

ZERO - The Project to End Prostate Cancer
10 G Street NE, Suite 601
Washington, DC 20002
(888) 245-9455
(202) 463-9455
(202) 463-9456
melissa@zerocancer.org
<http://www.zerocancer.org>
Materials available
Contact: Melissa Kadish

Whole Grains Month

Whole Grains Council
226 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 421-5500
(617) 421-5511 Fax
cynthia@oldwayspt.org
<http://www.wholegrainscouncil.org>
Materials available
Contact: Cynthia Harriman

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National Health Information Technology Week

Healthcare Information and Management
Systems Society
33 West Monroe Street, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL
(312) 664-HIMSS (664-4467)
(312) 664-6143
nhitweek2011@gmail.com
[http://www.healthitweek.org/toolkit_tenWays.
asp](http://www.healthitweek.org/toolkit_tenWays.asp)
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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National Celiac Disease Awareness Day

Celiac Sprue Association
P.O. Box 31700
Omaha, NE 68131-0700
(877) 272-4272
(402) 643-4108 Fax
celiacs@csaceliacs.org
<http://www.csaceliacs.org>
Materials available
Contact: Mary Schluckebier

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National Farm Safety & Health Week

National Education Center for
Agricultural Safety
10250 Sundown Road
Peosta, IA 52068
(888) 844-6322
(563) 557-0354
(563) 557-0353 Fax
halversc@nicc.edu
<http://www.necasag.org>
Materials available
Contact: Charlotte Halverson

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National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration

National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation
100 Abington Executive Park
Clarks Summit, PA 18411
(800) 943-6723
(570) 341-4637
(570) 341-4331 Fax
jbrogn@allied-services.org
<http://www.nraf-rehabnet.org>
Materials available
Contact: James Brogna

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Get Ready Day

American Public Health Association
800 I Street NW
Washington, DC 20001-3710
(202) 777-2509
(202) 777-2500 TTY
(202) 777-2532 Fax
audrey.pernik@apha.org
<http://www.aphagetready.org>
Materials available
Contact: Audrey Pernik

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National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

The AIDS Institute
2000 S Street NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20009
(813) 258-5929
(202) 835-8373
(202) 835-8368 Fax
info@theaidsinstitute.org
<http://www.theaidsinstitute.org>
Materials available
Contact: Michelle Scavnicky

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National School Backpack Awareness Day

American Occupational Therapy Association
4720 Montgomery Lane
P.O. Box 31220
Bethesda, MD 20824-1220
(301) 652-2682
(800) 377-8555 TDD
(301) 652-7711 Fax
praota@aota.org
<http://www.aota.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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World Alzheimer's Day

Alzheimer's Disease International
64 Great Suffolk Street
London, SE1 OBL
UNITED KINGDOM
+44 20 7981 0880
+44 20 7928 2357 Fax
info@alz.co.uk
<http://www.alz.co.uk/adi/wad/>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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26 National Women's Health & Fitness Day™

Health Information Resource Center
1850 West Winchester Road, #213
Libertyville, IL 60048
(800) 828-8225
info@fitnessday.com
http://www.fitnessday.com
Materials available
Contact: Patricia Henze

27 National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

National Association of People with AIDS
8401 Colesville Road, Suite 505
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(866) 846-9366
(240) 247-0880
(240) 247-0574 Fax
sbailous@napwa.org
http://www.napwa.org
Materials available
Contact: Stephen Bailous

27 RAINN Day

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
2000 L Street NW, Suite 406
Washington, DC 20036
(800) 656-HOPE (4673) National Sexual
Assault Hotline
(202) 544-1034
rainnday@rainn.org
http://www.rainn.org/rainn-day
Materials available
Contact: Megan Erhardt

28 World Rabies Day

Global Alliance for Rabies Control
529 Humboldt Street, Suite 1
Manhattan, KS 66502
(570) 899-4885
http://www.worldrabiesday.org
Materials available
Contact: None designated

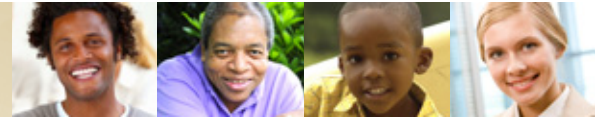
29 Family Health & Fitness Day USA®

Health Information Resource Center
1850 West Winchester Road, #213
Libertyville, IL 60048
(800) 828-8225
info@fitnessday.com
http://www.fitnessday.com
Materials available
Contact: Patricia Henze

29 World Heart Day

World Heart Federation
7 Rue des Batoirs, Case postale 155
1211 Geneva 4
SWITZERLAND,
info@worldheart.org
http://www.worldheart.org
Materials available
Contact: Cynthia Haro

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Sport Purple For Platelets Day

Platelet Disorder Support Association

133 Rollins Avenue, Suite 5

Rockville, MD 20852

(877) 528-3538

(301) 770-6636

(301) 770-6638 Fax

pdsa@pdsa.org

<http://www.pdsa.org>

Materials available

Contact: Nancy Potthast

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October

Eye Injury Prevention Month

American Academy of Ophthalmology
P.O. Box 7424
San Francisco, CA 94120-7424
(415) 447-0213
(415) 561-8575 Fax
eyemd@aao.org
<http://www.geteyesmart.org/eyesmart/>
Materials available
Contact: Georgia Alward

Health Literacy Month

Health Literacy Consulting
31 Highland Street, Suite 201
Natick, MA 01760
(508) 653-1199
helen@healthliteracy.com
<http://www.healthliteracymonth.org>
Materials available
Contact: Helen Osborne

Home Eye Safety Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://www.preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Board of Sponsors
C1C-315
1800 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19850-5437
nbcamquestions@yahoo.com
<http://www.nbcam.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

National Bullying Prevention Month

PACER Center, Inc.
8161 Normandale Blvd.
Bloomington, MN 55437
(888) 248-0822
(952) 838-0199 Fax
bullying411@pacer.org
<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Office of Disability Employment Policy
U.S. Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building, Room S-1303
200 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20210
(866) 633-7365
(202) 693-7880
(202) 693-7888 Fax
(202) 693-7881 TTY
<http://www.dol.gov/odep>
Materials available
Contact: Carol Dunlap

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National Down Syndrome Awareness Month

National Down Syndrome Society
666 Broadway
New York, NY 10012
(800) 221-4602
(212) 979-2873 Fax
info@ndss.org
<http://www.ndss.org>
Materials available
Contact: Educational Services

National Medical Librarians Month

Medical Library Association
65 East Wacker Place, Suite 1900
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 419-9094 x11
(312) 419-8950 Fax
mlams@mlahq.org
<http://www.mlanet.org>
Materials available
Contact: Tomi Gunn

National Physical Therapy Month

American Physical Therapy Association
1111 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-1488
(800) 999-2782
(703) 684-2782 x3248
(703) 706-8578 Fax
public-relations@apta.org
<http://www.moveforwardpt.com>
Materials available
Contact: Public Relations Department

Stop America's Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Today

American Medical Association Alliance
515 North State Street, 9th Floor
Chicago, IL 60654
(312) 464-4470
(312) 464-5020 Fax
amaa@ama-assn.org
<http://www.amaalliance.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month

First Candle/SIDS Alliance
1314 Bedford Avenue, Suite 210
Baltimore, MD 21208
(800) 221-7437
(410) 653-8226
(410) 653-8709 Fax
info@firstcandle.org
<http://www.firstcandle.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

1 Child Health Day

Maternal and Child Health Bureau
Health Resources and Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Parklawn Building, Room 1805
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
(301) 443-2170
(301) 443-1797 Fax
<http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov>
Contact: Cynthia Tibbs

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1 – 6

Drive Safely Work Week

Network of Employers for Traffic Safety
344 Maple Avenue West, #357
Vienna, VA 22180
(888) 221-0045
(703) 273-6005
(703) 273-7122 Fax
nets@trafficsafety.org
<http://www.trafficsafety.org>
Materials available
Contact: Liz Stevens

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Walk to School Day

National Center for Safe Routes to School
730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Suite 300 /
Campus Box 3430
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3430
866-610-SRTS (610-7787)
walk@walktoschool.org
<http://www.walktoschool-usa.org>
Materials available
Contact: Susan Byszeski

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Mental Illness Awareness Week

National Alliance on Mental Illness
3803 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100
Arlington, VA 22203
(800) 950-6264 Helpline
(703) 524-7600
(703) 524-9094 Fax
info@nami.org
<http://www.nami.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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World Mental Health Day

World Federation for Mental Health
12940 Harbor Drive, Suite 101
Woodbridge, VA 22192-2930
(703) 494-6515
(703) 494-6518 Fax
wmhday@wfmh.com
<http://www.wfmh.org/00worldmentalhealthday.htm>
Materials available
Contact: Deborah Maguire

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National Depression Screening Day®

Screening for Mental Health, Inc.
One Washington Street, Suite 304
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481
(781) 239-0071
(781) 431-7447 Fax
smhinfo@mentalhealthscreening.org
<http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/events/national-depression-screening-day.aspx>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

12 – 20

Bone and Joint Health National Awareness Week

U.S. Bone and Joint Decade/Initiative
6300 North River Road
Rosemont, IL 60018
(847) 384-4010
(847) 384-4009
(847) 823-1822 Fax
usbji@usbji.org
<http://www.usbji.org>
Materials available
Contact: Toby King

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14 – 20

International Infection Prevention Week

Association for Professionals in Infection
Control and Epidemiology
1275 K Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005-4006
(202) 789-1890
(202) 789-1899 Fax
info@apic.org
www.apic.org/education-and-events/iipw
Materials available
Contact: None designated

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National Latino AIDS Awareness Day

Latino Commission on AIDS
24 West 25th Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10010
(212) 584-9315
(212) 202-3620 Fax
mramirez@latinoaids.org
http://www.nlaad.org/
Materials available
Contact: Melissa Faith Ramirez

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World Food Day

U.S. National Committee for World Food Day
2175 K Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20437
(202) 653-2404
(202) 653-5760 Fax
http://www.worldfooddayusa.org
Materials available
Contact: None designated

22

International Stuttering Awareness Day

Stuttering Foundation of America
1805 Moriah Woods Boulevard, #3
P.O. Box 11749
Memphis, TN 38111-0749
(800) 992-9392
(800) 967-7700
(901) 761-0484 Fax
info@stutteringhelp.org
http://www.stutteringhelp.org
Materials available
Contact: Jane Fraser

23 – 31

Red Ribbon Week

National Family Partnership
at Informed Families Education Center
2409 Coral Way, Suite 501
Miami, FL 33145
(800) 705-8997
(305) 856-4886
(305) 856-4815 Fax
ireyes@informedfamilies.org
http://www.nfp.org
Materials available
Contact: Ileana Reyes



November

American Diabetes Month

American Diabetes Association
1701 North Beauregard Street
Alexandria, VA 22311
(800) DIABETES (342-2383)
(703) 549-1500
(703) 549-6995 Fax
askada@diabetes.org
<http://www.diabetes.org>
Materials available
Contact: Local Chapters

COPD Awareness Month

American Lung Association
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20004
(800) 548-8252
(202) 785-3355
(202) 452-1805 Fax
info@lungusa.org
<http://www.lungusa.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

Diabetic Eye Disease Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://www.preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Lung Cancer Alliance
888 16th Street NW, Suite 150
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 463-2080
(202) 463-7497 Fax
info@lungcanceralliance.org
<http://www.lungcanceralliance.org>
Materials available
Contact: Kay Cofrancesco

National Family Caregivers Month

National Family Caregivers Association
10400 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 500
Kensington, MD 20895-3944
(800) 896-3650
(301) 942-2302 Fax
info@thefamilycaregiver.org
<http://www.thefamilycaregiver.org>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

National Healthy Skin Month

American Academy of Dermatology
930 East Woodfield Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
(888) 462-DERM (462-3376)
(847) 330-0230
(847) 330-8907 Fax
mediarelations@aad.org
<http://www.aad.org>
Materials available
Contact: Allison Sit

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National Hospice Palliative Care Month

National Hospice and Palliative Care
Organization
1731 King Street, Suite 100
Alexandria, VA 22314
(800) 658-8898 (Consumer Helpline)
(800) 646-6460
(703) 837-1500
(703) 837-1233 Fax
jradowic@nhpco.org
<http://www.nhpco.org>
Materials available
Contact: Jon Radulovic

National Stomach Cancer Awareness Month

No Stomach For Cancer, Inc.
9202 Waterside Street, #203
Middleton, WI 53562
(608) 335-0241
info@nostomachforcancer.org
<http://www.nostomachforcancer.org>
Materials available
Contact: Karen Chelcun-Schreiber

12 – 18 Drowsy Driving Prevention Week®

National Sleep Foundation
1010 North Glebe Road, Suite 310
Arlington, VA 22201
(703) 243-1697
nsf@sleepfoundation.org
<http://www.sleepfoundation.org>
Materials available
Contact: Jennifer Cowher Williams

14 - 18 Get Smart About Antibiotics Week

Division of Bacterial Diseases
National Center for Immunization and
Respiratory Diseases
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road NE, MS-C23
Atlanta, GA 30333
(800) CDC-INFO (232-4636)
(404) 639-3636
(404) 639-3970 Fax
clq@cdc.gov
<http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart>
Materials available
Contact: Darcia Johnson

15 Great American Smokeout

American Cancer Society
250 Williams Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(800) ACS-2345 (227-2345)
<http://www.cancer.org>
Materials available
Contact: National Office

17 International Survivors of Suicide Day

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
120 Wall Street, 29th Floor
New York, NY 10005
(212) 363-3500
survivingsuicideloss@afsp.org
<http://www.afsp.org>
Materials available
Contact: Survivor Initiatives Department

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Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Awareness Week

International Foundation for Functional
Gastrointestinal Disorders

P.O. Box 170864

Milwaukee, WI 53217-8076

(888) 964-2001

(414) 964-1799

(414) 964-7176 Fax

iffgd@iffgd.org

[http://www.aboutgerd.org/site/about-gerd/
gerd-a](http://www.aboutgerd.org/site/about-gerd/gerd-a)

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Materials available

Contact: Nancy Norton

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December

Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Prevent Blindness America
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 331-2020
(312) 363-6001
(312) 363-6052 Fax
info@preventblindness.org
<http://www.preventblindness.org>
Materials available
Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

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World AIDS Day

World AIDS Campaign
Van Diemenstraat 192
1013 CP Amsterdam
THE NETHERLANDS
+31 20 616 9045
info@worldaidscampaign.org
<http://www.worldaidscampaign.org/en/>
Materials available
Contact: None designated

2 - 8

National Handwashing Awareness Week

Henry the Hand Foundation
11714 U.S. Route 42
Cincinnati, OH 45241
(513) 769-HAND (4263)
dr.will@henrythehand.com
<http://www.henrythehand.com>
Materials available
Contact: Dr. Will Sawyer



The Year 2012 at a Glance

JANUARY

Cervical Health Awareness Month
National Birth Defects Prevention Month
National Glaucoma Awareness Month
National Radon Action Month
National Stalking Awareness Month
Thyroid Awareness Month
8 – 14 National Folic Acid Awareness Week

FEBRUARY

AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month
Heart Month
International Prenatal Infection Prevention Month
National Children's Dental Health Month
Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month
3 Give Kids A Smile® Day
3 National Wear Red Day
7 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
7 – 14 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week
14 National Donor Day

MARCH

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
National Endometriosis Awareness Month
National Nutrition Month®
Save Your Vision Month
Trisomy Awareness Month
Workplace Eye Wellness Month
4 – 10 Patient Safety Awareness Week
5 – 9 National School Breakfast Week
5 – 11 National Sleep Awareness Week®
8 World Kidney Day
10 National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
12 – 18 Brain Awareness Week
18 – 24 National Poison Prevention Week
20 National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
24 World Tuberculosis Day
25 – 31 National Tsunami Awareness Week
26 – April 1 World Salt Awareness Week
27 American Diabetes Alert Day

APRIL

Alcohol Awareness Month
Irritable Bowel Syndrome Awareness Month
National Autism Awareness Month
National Distracted Driving Awareness Month
National Donate Life Month
National Facial Protection Month
National Minority Health Month
National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month
Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
Sports Eye Safety Month
STI Awareness Month
Women's Eye Health and Safety Month
2 – 8 National Public Health Week
5 National Alcohol Screening Day®
7 World Health Day
21 – 28 National Infant Immunization Week
22 – 28 National Infertility Awareness Week
24 World Meningitis Day

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MAY

Arthritis Awareness Month
Better Hearing and Speech Month
Global Employee Health and Fitness Month
Healthy Vision Month
Hepatitis Awareness Month
Lupus Awareness Month
Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month®
Men's Health Month
Mental Health Month
National Celiac Disease Awareness Month
National High Blood Pressure Education Month
National Mediterranean Diet Month
National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month
National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
National Toxic Encephalopathy and Chemical Injury Awareness Month
Older Americans Month
Ultraviolet Awareness Month
6 – 12 Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

6 – 12 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week
7 – 11 Air Quality Awareness Week
7 – 13 National Stuttering Awareness Week
12 Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Awareness Day
13 – 19 Food Allergy Awareness Week
13 – 19 National Alcohol- and Other Drug-Related Birth Defects Awareness Week
13 – 19 National Women's Health Week
14 National Women's Check-up Day
18 HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
19 National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
21 – 27 Recreational Water Illness and Injury Prevention Week
25 Heat Safety Awareness Day
27 – June 2 National Hurricane Preparedness Week
30 National Senior Health & Fitness Day®
31 World No Tobacco Day

JUNE

Cataract Awareness Month
National Aphasia Awareness Month

National Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month
National Safety Month
National Scleroderma Awareness Month
1 – July 4 Fireworks Safety Month
3 National Cancer Survivors Day
3 – 9 National Rip Current Awareness Week
11 – 17 Men's Health Week
19 World Sickle Cell Day
27 National HIV Testing Day

JULY

Cord Blood Awareness Month
International Group B Strep Awareness Month
Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness & Prevention Month
UV Safety Month
28 World Hepatitis Day

AUGUST

Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
1 – 7 World Breastfeeding Week

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SEPTEMBER

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Fruit and Veggies—More Matters Month
Healthy Aging® Month
Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month
National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month
National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month
National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
National Cholesterol Education Month
National ITP Awareness Month
National Pediculosis Prevention Month/Head Lice Prevention Month
National Sickle Cell Month
Newborn Screening Awareness Month
National Yoga Awareness Month
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
Whole Grains Month
10 – 14 National Health Information Technology Week
13 National Celiac Disease Awareness Day
16 – 22 National Farm Safety & Health Week
16 – 22 National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration

18 Get Ready Day
18 National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day
19 National School Backpack Awareness Day
21 World Alzheimer's Day
26 National Women's Health & Fitness Day™
27 National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
27 RAINN Day
28 World Rabies Day
29 Family Health & Fitness Day USA®
29 World Heart Day
30 Sport Purple For Platelets Day

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Eye Injury Prevention Month
Health Literacy Month
Home Eye Safety Month
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
National Bullying Prevention Month
National Disability Employment Awareness Month
National Down Syndrome Awareness Month
National Medical Librarians Month
National Physical Therapy Month

Stop America's Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Today

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month

1 Child Health Day

1 – 6 Drive Safely Work Week

3 Walk to School Day

7 Mental Illness Awareness Week

10 World Mental Health Day

11 National Depression Screening Day®

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14 – 20 International Infection Prevention Week

15 National Latino AIDS Awareness Day

16 World Food Day

22 International Stuttering Awareness Day

23 – 31 Red Ribbon Week

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