

WEEK 41 FOUNDATION MINUTE – WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

In this month of supporting Maternal and Child Health, it is appropriate that World Immunization Week focuses our attention on the importance of effective vaccines to protect against disease. As scientists work to develop one to protect all of us from the new coronavirus, Rotarians around the world urge everyone to immunize their children and themselves against preventable diseases.

The Rotary Foundation has a long history of funding disease prevention and treatment projects that focus on health issues that impact vulnerable communities, like our polio eradication efforts. Successes in these areas have helped us address other global health challenges, including the spread of the coronavirus. Our work fighting polio is supporting the COVID-19 response in communities worldwide through the establishment of stronger community health systems and vaccine distribution networks.

It's important that we continue funding these projects when our help is needed most. Although this pandemic affects all of us, Rotarians continue to take action even in a time of crisis. If you are able to make a donation during World Immunization Week, give to the PolioPlus Fund to support polio eradication efforts and more, or give to the Disaster Response Fund to support Rotary's work addressing this pandemic and other emergencies. You'll be helping to empower Rotarians so that we can keep doing good in the world now, and in the years to come.