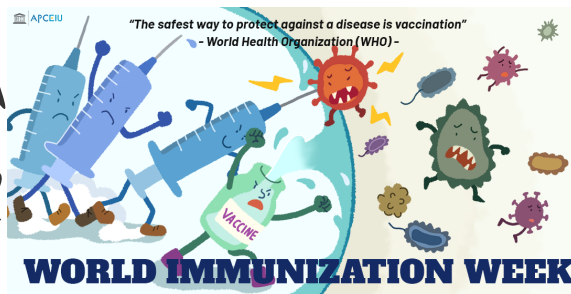


# WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

"The safest way to protect against a disease is vaccination."  
 - World Health Organization (WHO) -

## Why do we mark this day?

World Immunization Week starts on the last week of April every year. It marks the importance of getting vaccinated to prevent various diseases or infections. Being vaccinated not only prevents diseases but also prevents them from spreading from one person to another.



With the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of getting vaccinated has been highlighted. It has reminded everyone that the basic prevention and safety against the virus is to get vaccinated. Thus, different organizations come together on World Immunization Week to promote immunization as a means to protect everyone from diseases that can be prevented through vaccines.

## Questions for Discussion

- How does vaccination help people stay healthy?

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- How can global communities work together to fight pandemic?

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## Meet Today's Global Citizen



**Jonas Edward Salk**

Jonas Salk was an American medical researcher who developed the polio vaccines. Polio was a worldwide life-threatening disease affecting young children, paralyzing numerous children. Although he was the inventor of the vaccine, he did not patent his invention for the benefit of everyone. He said, "There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?" in an interview asking about it.