This week is National Infant Immunization Week (starting 4/25/22) and some public health officials say it deserves special emphasis this year.

That’s because the CDC reports a drop in childhood immunizations- yet another side effect of the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in so many people delaying routine medical care.

Baylor Scott & White family medicine Dr. Patricia Lopez-Gutierrez says it’s important for families to catch up- and stick to the vaccination schedule.

“So those sets that they have a timeframe is because studies show that the time period where immunity starts getting built up. So, if you delay vaccines, immunity may become less strong.”

She says getting caught up is especially important as more and more children return to childcare and school settings.