

Dept. of Health Services: Teams with the Milwaukee Brewers to promote immunizations

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The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is excited to announce that it has partnered with the Milwaukee Brewers Community Foundation to promote immunizations through public service announcements (PSA's) recorded in Spanish by Brewers' catchers Yasmani Grandal and Manny Pina.

In the sixty-second PSA's, Grandal and Pina talk about importance of protecting your family by having them vaccinated against diseases like measles, mumps, whooping cough, and others.

"Wisconsin has nearly 400,000 Spanish speaking residents, yet too often language barriers can prevent many people from getting the health care they need. We know these PSA's will help reinforce the importance of immunizations to our state's Spanish speaking residents. We are very grateful to the Brewers Community Foundation (link is external) and the players for helping us get the word out," said DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm.

Grandal was born in Cuba and moved to the United States when he was ten years old. He signed with the Brewers as a free agent in January 2019 and was named to the 2019 All Star Team. He is married and has two children. Pina is a native of Venezuela and has been with the Brewers since 2015. He is married and has two children.

"Promoting good health is one of the top priorities of the Milwaukee Brewers, and both Yasmani and Manny were eager to lend their voices to this campaign as members of the community, Spanish speakers, and as fathers," said Katina Shaw,

Vice President of Community Relations for the Milwaukee Brewers.

Governor Tony Evers and DHS are committed to addressing health disparities, including language barriers, so everyone in Wisconsin can get the health care and health information they need to help them live their best lives.

The PSA's are available on the DHS YouTube channel and can be downloaded for use on television, social media, and web pages.