



# Autism Awareness Month QUICK-GUIDE

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This is one of 50+ "Quick-Guides" created to help you take advantage of national health observances. It can help you guide your maternal and child health promotion efforts, especially when using social media. Most messages, materials, and facts can be adapted to fit many audiences.

For other Quick-Guides, visit: [z.umn.edu/qguides](http://z.umn.edu/qguides)

## Social Media

Social media can be a great tool for finding up-to-date resources and facts. Follow leading organizations to see what they are doing, share their posts, and join in national chats.

One of the easiest ways to find more resources is to search the hashtag for this observance. This can be done on almost all social media networks. Include it in any posts you create.

Please share this Quick-Guide and tag @UMN\_MCH!

### Hashtag

#AutismAwareness  
#TheAWord

### Twitter

@AutismSpeaks  
@AutismSociety  
@NationalAutism

### Facebook

- Autism Speaks  
- Autism Society of America

### Instagram

@AutismSpeaks

### YouTube

Autism Speaks

## Print, Post, or Share

If available, use logos or other graphics to enhance your posts, emails, or websites. Visuals help catch people's attention and often have higher engagement numbers.

Use available facts from these organizations to create quick and easy posts for social media or a newsletter. Many also provide templates for press releases and other modes of communication.

### Autism Speaks

- Resource Library
- Advocacy Toolkit
- Social Media Resources
- Take the Quiz
- Federal Priorities
- Autism Apps & Technology

### Sample Tweets/Posts

April is #AutismAwareness Month! Want to learn how to be a better autism advocate? Check out the @AutismSpeaks Advocacy Toolkit. <https://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/tool-kits/advocacy>

Every April, join communities around the world to "light it up blue" in recognition of people living with autism. #AutismAwareness

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