

Comparison of CDC Vaccine Policy vs AAP Immunization Schedule (2025)

COVID-19 Vaccination

CDC Policy: CDC: No longer recommends routine vaccination for healthy children; available via shared decision-making.

AAP Schedule: AAP: Strongly recommends vaccination for all children 6-23 months and at-risk children 2-18 years.

Influenza Vaccination

CDC Policy: CDC: Shifted to trivalent vaccines; recommends high-dose/adjuvanted for high-risk groups.

AAP Schedule: AAP: Aligns with CDC but emphasizes expanded RSV and flu guidance for children.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

CDC Policy: CDC: Recommends nirsevimab for infants born Oct-Mar; includes guidance for maternal vaccination.

AAP Schedule: AAP: Includes maternal RSV guidance and broader access recommendations.

HPV Vaccination

CDC Policy: CDC: Recommends starting at age 11-12, with catch-up through age 26.

AAP Schedule: AAP: Recommends starting between ages 9-12.

Pentavalent Meningococcal Vaccine

CDC Policy: CDC: Updated MenB (Bexsero) dosing based on shared decision-making.

AAP Schedule: AAP: Includes new guidance for pentavalent meningococcal vaccine.

Policy and Scientific Integrity

CDC Policy: CDC: Changes include removal of routine COVID-19 recommendations and ACIP member replacements.

AAP Schedule: AAP: Opposes federal changes; publishes independent evidence-based schedule and filed lawsuit.