

AAP Issues 2026 Immunization Schedules

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Dear colleagues:

Today, the AAP [issued](#) our 2026 childhood immunization recommendations. While these remain largely unchanged from prior AAP guidance released last year, there are several notable aspects worth emphasizing.

First, **we are not alone**. The Academy's recommendations are endorsed by 12 leading medical organizations. That's more than one million medical professionals, including physicians, nurses and pharmacists, across the country. We're here speaking with one voice – backed by the most trusted scientific evidence – to care for the children of our country. That is extremely powerful.

Second, our recommendations [differ from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's](#) recently issued schedule. The AAP formerly partnered with the CDC to create unified vaccine recommendations, but CDC's recent changes depart from longstanding medical evidence and no longer offer the optimal way to prevent illnesses in children.

And finally, the AAP remains **fully committed to evidence-based vaccine recommendations**. This becomes especially important during this challenging time for public health, with a torrent of misinformation flooding the public sphere. Since the 1930s, our guidance has reflected the best available science and the lived experience of pediatricians caring for children every day. And that remains true today.

Here are some resources to guide you as you talk to patients and colleagues about our new recommendations:

- An [FAQ guide](#) for clinicians with ways to frame vaccine conversations in response to families' questions
- Immunization discussion guides to use in your practice: [Maternal & Infant](#), [Childhood](#) and [Adolescent](#)
- [Registration](#) for a clinician-focused webinar on the new recommendations, Wednesday, January 28 at 7pm ET
- [Registration](#) for a parent-focused webinar on childhood vaccines, Friday, January 30 at 1 pm ET
- The new [2026 immunization schedule](#) and a [parent-friendly immunization schedule](#)
- [Policy Statement](#) in *Pediatrics*
- [Fact Checked](#): U.S. Vaccine Recommendations are Appropriate for Children in the United States
- New [Fact Checked](#): The Flu Vaccine Reduces the Risk of Serious Illness in Children

I want to close with [a personal message](#) for all of you. Thank you for your hard work and dedication, especially in this moment. Thank you for showing up every day, for listening, for educating and for meeting families where they are with facts and empathy. for listening, for educating and for meeting families where they are with facts and empathy.

Thank you again for all that you do, and know that the American Academy of Pediatrics will continue advocating at every level to protect children's health across the country.



Sincerely,

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