



The American Academy of Pediatrics disagrees with Kennedy on vaccines

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Over the last several months, Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has been working to change COVID-19 vaccine regulations, as well as decrease the amount of vaccines the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recommends parents give to their children.

In a surprising turn of events, on August 19, 2025, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) published a notice that recommended children between 6 months and 23 months old receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Their stance is contrary to Secretary Kennedy's, who announced earlier this summer that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would no longer recommend the shots to that age range.

The AAP and HHS has held different stances on health matters ever since Secretary Kennedy's confirmation. The tensions reached a boiling point when Kennedy replaced the members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices with handpicked representatives, including a few vaccine skeptics.

The AAP was founded in 1930 and has been working since its creation to provide evidence-based guidance relating to vaccines. Until recently, there had rarely been a time where their opinions differed to those from the federal government. In response to this shift, Secretary Kennedy took to social media to criticize the group.