



Secretary Kennedy Changes CDC's Vaccine Advisors Panel



COVID-19 Vaccine vial. Photo Courtesy of Spencerbdavis via Wikimedia Commons

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On June 9th, 2025, Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. removed all the members of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (“**ACIP**”), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advisory group that works in vaccine recommendations. In an op-ed released by the Wall Street Journal, Kennedy mentions that this is the move he needed to make to ensure that the trust in vaccines was restored. Usually, the members are appointed to four-year terms, and are not political appointees, but Kennedy has accused ACIP of having conflicts of interests in the matter of vaccination. Despite this, the American Medical Association has long trusted ACIP's as a source of vaccination guidance.

The new members of ACIP were announced on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. The announcement came with the information that the ACIP would be downsized from 17 members to 8 new voting members. The new members are Joseph R. Hibbeln, Martin Kulldorff, Retsef Levi, Robert W. Malone, Cody Meissner, James Pagano, Vicky Pebsworth and Michael A. Ross. Additionally, some of these new members have been known for spreading misinformation about vaccines.

The new ACIP members will be meeting on June 25th, 2025, to discuss COVID-19 vaccines to review their safety and efficacy to determine if the current standards need to change.