

Health Advisory: MDH Aligns with Medical Association Immunization Recommendations

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Action Steps

Local and tribal health department: Please forward to hospitals, clinics and other health care facilities in your jurisdiction.

Hospitals, clinics and other facilities: Please forward to family physicians, pediatricians, infection preventionists, primary care clinicians, infectious disease doctors, specialty clinicians, pharmacists, urgent care, and emergency department staff.

Health care providers:

- Consider using evidence-based immunization schedules developed by medical associations
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Situation Summary

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is aligning its immunization communications and guidance with evidence-based immunization schedules developed by medical associations for all immunizations for all ages. Over the past several months, MDH has aligned with medical association recommendations for COVID 19 and hepatitis B vaccines. This full alignment with medical association schedules improves clarity and stability by directing families and providers to a trusted set of recommendations already used in clinical care. It reflects how vaccines are delivered in practice, it strengthens Minnesota's ability to provide steady, evidence-based guidance amid ongoing uncertainty, and, most importantly, this is what science supports for protecting the health of Minnesotans.

The Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) will remain aligned with published immunization schedules from AAP, AAFP, and ACOG. Providers should continue to use the clinical decision support available in MIIC when assessing the immunization needs of a patient.

At this time, vaccines recommended by medical associations continue to be covered by private insurance and available through the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program. If federal changes occur that affect vaccine availability or coverage, MDH will communicate updates promptly via

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(https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDH/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNMDH_98).

Schedules

MDH endorses the schedules from the following medical associations:

Pediatric (18 years and younger): American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

- [AAP: Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Ages 18 Years or Younger \(PDF\)](https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf) (<https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf>)
Detailed clinical schedule for ages 18 years and younger.
- [All About the AAP Recommended Immunization Schedule](https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Recommended-Immunization-Schedules.aspx) (<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Recommended-Immunization-Schedules.aspx>)
Answers to frequently asked questions about the schedules.

Adults (19 years and older): American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

- [AAFP: Adults 19 and Older Immunization Schedule](https://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules/adult-immunization-schedule.html) (<https://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules/adult-immunization-schedule.html>)

Pregnancy: American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists (ACOG)

- [ACOG: Maternal Immunization](https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/practice-advisory/articles/2022/10/maternal-immunization) (<https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/practice-advisory/articles/2022/10/maternal-immunization>)

For more information

- [MDH: Vaccine Recommendations and Access for Minnesotans](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/access.html) (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/access.html)
- [MDH: Reliable Sources of Immunization Information](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/imminfo.html) (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/imminfo.html)
- [AAP: Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedules for Ages 18 Years or Younger \(PDF\)](https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf) (<https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf>)
- [HealthyChildren.org: All About the AAP Recommended Immunization Schedule](https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Recommended-Immunization-Schedules.aspx) (www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Recommended-Immunization-Schedules.aspx)
- [AAFP: Adults 19 and Older Immunization Schedule](https://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules/adult-immunization-schedule.html) (www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/immunizations-vaccines/immunization-schedules/adult-immunization-schedule.html)
- [IDSA: Immunization](http://www.idsociety.org/ID-topics/special-topics/immunization/) (www.idsociety.org/ID-topics/special-topics/immunization/)

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- [Maternal Immunization \(www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/practice-advisory/articles/2022/10/maternal-immunization\)](http://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/practice-advisory/articles/2022/10/maternal-immunization)
- [PALTmed: Recommendations for COVID-19 Vaccine in PALTC Residents and Staff \(https://paltmed.org/news-media/recommendations-covid-19-vaccine-paltc-residents-and-staff\)](https://paltmed.org/news-media/recommendations-covid-19-vaccine-paltc-residents-and-staff)

A copy of this HAN is available at: [MDH Health Alert Network \(http://www.health.state.mn.us/han\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/han)

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