

MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois Healthcare Providers
FROM: Medical Services Division and Immunization Section
DATE: February 6, 2026
RE: Illinois Childhood Immunization Recommendations

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) endorses the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\) 2026 Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#), adopting the recommendation of the Illinois Immunization Advisory Committee (IAC) made on February 4, 2026. IDPH affirms the importance of routine immunization of children according to this evidence-based schedule.

Professional organizations endorsing the AAP immunization schedule include:

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American College of Nurse-Midwives
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Medical Association
- American Pharmacists Association
- Council of Medical Specialty Societies
- Infectious Diseases Society of America
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
- National Medical Association
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society
- Pediatric Pharmacy Association
- Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine

[Illinois' childhood immunization recommendations](#) are State Guidelines for Communicable Disease Prevention per [410 ILCS 315/1.2](#) are required to be covered by all state-regulated insurance policies. All immunizations recommended by IDPH continue to be covered by other private insurance plans, Medicaid, and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Please see IDPH's accompanying [Dear Colleague Letter](#) from Director Vohra and [Press Release](#) for additional details.

Clinicians are recommended to promote and offer immunizations to all children according to the IDPH-endorsed schedule, which remains unchanged with the adoption of the 2026 AAP immunization schedule. Clinicians should note that although this is a new endorsement, all immunization recommendations are consistent with past provider guidance from IDPH. There have been no changes to insurance coverage of the immunizations recommended by IDPH. Illinois vaccination requirements for schools, childcare facilities, and colleges remain unchanged.

IDPH will continue to review emerging evidence and national clinical guidance and will ensure Illinois' immunization recommendations remain grounded in science and focused on protecting the public's health. For questions, please contact the IDPH Medical Services Division using this [contact form](#) or the IDPH Immunization Section at dph.vaccines@illinois.gov or 217-785-1455, option 2.