



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

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Commissioner

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Dear Colleague:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had released the 2020 Recommended Immunization Schedules. These schedules and footnotes, which are meant to be used together, are attached. Links to the schedules and summaries of changes to the child/adolescent and adult schedules are available on the CDC website, at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html>, respectively.

Highlights of the changes to both schedules include the indication that either Td or Tdap may be used for the decennial tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis booster and catch-up vaccination in persons who have previously received Tdap.

For children and adolescents specifically:

Changes to the child and adolescent schedule include the guidance that for children who received MenACWY prior to age 10 years, doses at age 11-12 and age 16 years are now explicitly recommended. In addition, a dose of Tdap or DTaP administered at age 10 years may now be counted as the adolescent booster dose, while a dose administered at age 7 through 9 years should still *not* be counted as the adolescent dose (previously it was doses administered at ages 7 through 10 years that could not be counted as the adolescent dose). This change was made so it is clear that Tdap required for school entry at 6th grade may be administered at 10 years of age.

For adults specifically:

Changes to the adult schedule include, for HPV, a shared clinical decision-making subsection for persons 27-45 years of age. In addition, for pneumococcal vaccination, one dose of PPSV23 is still recommended for immunocompetent adults age 65 and older, but shared clinical decision-making is recommended regarding the administration of PCV13 in those persons.

Shared clinical decision-making recommendations on vaccine administration are individually-based and informed by a decision process between the health care provider and the patient and/or guardian. CDC recently developed a list of Frequently Asked Questions intended to provide clarity on implementing this process. They are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/acip-scdm-faqs.html>.

Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are considered the standard of care of immunization practice in the United States, even if not included in the package insert. Vaccines should always be administered in accordance with current CDC and ACIP recommendations.

For questions on the new immunization schedules, or any other vaccine-related issue, please call (347) 396-2400 or email nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov. Thank you for keeping New Yorkers safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jane R. Zucker'.

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