

Vaccine Highlights

Recommendations, schedules, and more

Editor's note: The information in Vaccine Highlights is current as of March 11, 2016.

Next ACIP meetings

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is comprised of 15 national experts who advise CDC on the appropriate use of vaccines. At its most recent meeting, held on Feb. 24, the committee discussed HPV, influenza, cholera, meningococcal, and Japanese encephalitis vaccines. The only vote taken during the meeting was to approve the 2016–17 influenza vaccination recommendations.

ACIP meets three times a year in Atlanta; meetings are open to the public and viewable online via live webcast. The next meetings will be held on June 22–23 and Oct. 19–20. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip.

ACIP periodically issues recommendations on the use of vaccines; they are published and readily available in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*. Clinicians who vaccinate should have a current set for reference. Here are sources::

- Download from IAC's website: www.immunize.org/acip
- Download from CDC's website: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs

CDC immunization schedules

Each year, CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices publishes U.S. immunization schedules for children/teens and adults to reflect current recommendations for the use of licensed vaccines.

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

On Feb. 1, CDC released the "Recommended Immunization Schedules for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years, U.S., 2016" online at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf. The Feb. 5 issue of *MMWR* included a summary article about the changes made for 2016. See www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/pdfs/mm6504.pdf, pages 86–87.

FOR ADULTS

On Feb. 1, CDC published "Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older—U.S., 2016" online at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf. The Feb. 5 issue of *MMWR* also included an article summarizing the changes in the 2016 adult schedule. It is available at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/pdfs/mm6504.pdf, pages 88–90.

More CDC news

On Feb. 19, CDC published "Notes from the Field: Administration Error Involving a Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine—U.S., Mar. 1, 2010–Sept. 22, 2015 in *MMWR*. In this report which examined data from VAERS, the researchers found 407 recipients in whom the meningococcal conjugate vaccine Menveo (GSK) had been improperly reconstituted and administered. See www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6506a4.htm.

On Feb. 5, CDC published "Surveillance of Vaccination Coverage Among Adult Populations—U.S., 2014," in *MMWR Surveillance Summary* (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/ss/pdfs/ss6501.pdf).

This report is based on data from CDC's National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) and shows that vaccination coverage overall remained low for adults and that there continue to be missed opportunities to vaccinate.

On Dec. 18, 2015, CDC published "Notes from the Field: Injection Safety and Vaccine Administration Errors at an Employee Influenza Vaccination Clinic—New Jersey, 2015," in *MMWR* (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6449.pdf, pages 1363–4). This article details the vaccine administration and vaccine storage and handling errors committed by a contracted health services company at an employee influenza vaccination clinic and how the state immunization program responded to the situation.

April 16–23 is National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases. Information is available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html.

CDC's 47th National Immunization Conference will be held Sept. 13–15, in Atlanta. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/nic/index.html.

FDA vaccine news

On Jan. 14, FDA announced the expanded indication for Hiberix (Hib, GSK) to include children from ages 6 weeks through 14 months. See www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/ucm179527.htm.

On Dec. 22, 2015, FDA announced approval of Fludac (Novartis), a new injectable influenza vaccine for use in people 65 years and older, the first seasonal influenza vaccine containing an adjuvant. See www.fda.gov/biologicsbloodvaccines/safetyavailability/vaccinesafety/ucm473989.htm.

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indication of Gardasil 9 (HPV9, Merck) to include males age 16–26 years. See detailed information at www.fda.gov/biologicsbloodvaccines/vaccines/approvedproducts/ucm426445.htm.

AAP news

The American Academy of Pediatrics published the policy statement "Influenza Immunization for All Health Care Personnel: Keep It Mandatory" in the October issue of *Pediatrics* and on its website at <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/136/4/809.full.pdf>.

HHS news

On Feb. 5, the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), released a National Adult Immunization Plan. It is available at www.hhs.gov/nvpo/national-adult-immunization-plan/naip.pdf.

Current VIS dates

Check the dates on your supply of Vaccine Information Statements (VISs). If any are outdated, get current versions and VISs in more than 30 languages at www.immunize.org/vis.

Adenovirus	6/11/14	MMR.....	4/20/12
Anthrax	3/10/10	MMRV.....	5/21/10
Chickenpox.....	3/13/08	Multi-vaccine	11/5/15
DTaP.....	5/17/07	PCV13	11/5/15
Hib	4/2/15	PPSV	4/24/15
Hepatitis A	10/25/11	Polio	11/8/11
Hepatitis B	2/2/12	Rabies	10/6/09
HPV-Cervarix	5/3/11	Rotavirus	4/15/15
HPV-Gardasil	5/17/13	Shingles	10/6/09
HPV-Gardasil 9	4/15/15	Td.....	2/24/15
Influenza.....	8/7/15	Tdap	2/24/15
Japanese enceph... ..	1/24/14	Typhoid	5/29/12
MCV4/MPSV4... ..	10/14/11	Yellow fever	3/30/11
MenB	8/14/15		

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