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Immunization Practices

The following members of the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit urgently call for the immediate postponement of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

With this call, we join in agreement with U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Chairman Bill Cassidy, MD (R-LA) 's statement that "If the meeting proceeds, any recommendations made should be rejected as lacking legitimacy given the seriousness of the allegations and the current turmoil in CDC leadership."

A lack of regard for the established, transparent, well-defined, and evidence-based approach to health policymaking for the American people was demonstrated at the June 2025 ACIP meeting. Unfortunately, the delayed draft agenda for the September 18-19 ACIP meeting, published late on Friday, September 12, indicates that further damage to vaccine access for children and adults in the United States is likely. Conducting the meeting and votes with the current committee members and [agenda](#) risks reducing vaccine access to COVID-19 vaccines, birth dose hepatitis B vaccination, and MMRV vaccine; recent actions by HHS have already added barriers to accessing COVID-19 vaccines. We echo the comments of multiple experts regarding the scientific consensus that supports vaccination for MMRV, hepatitis B and COVID-19, and urge ACIP to maintain longstanding recommendations for these vaccines to preserve access.

The most recent ACIP meeting in June 2025 deviated significantly from the committee's scientific review processes and offered little transparency in making its recommendations. These actions by ACIP and HHS decreased confidence in ACIP recommendations among professional societies, which subsequently withdrew their approvals of CDC vaccine recommendations and schedules and issued separate recommendations (e.g., [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), [American Academy of Family Physicians](#), [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#), and [American](#)

[College of Physicians](#)). Additionally, some state governments are also separating their vaccine policies from the federal immunization recommendations.

The dis-harmonization in recommendations between CDC and the professional societies will likely result in confusion, lower vaccination rates, and greater susceptibility to vaccine-preventable illnesses, disability, and deaths.

What is needed for trustworthy vaccine clinical guidance is unbiased, transparent, and methodical scientific reviews. The abandonment of established ACIP processes casts doubt on the integrity of ACIP recommendations and threatens to undermine decades of progress in the U.S. to ensure vaccine access and reduce the impact of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Until rigorous scientific standards are restored, the undersigned organizations urge that the ACIP meeting be postponed.

Respectfully,

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology

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Infectious Diseases Society of America

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

National Medical Association

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society

Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

The American College of Nurse-Midwives

The American Geriatrics Society

The Gerontological Society of America