

# EPIC<sup>®</sup> Immunization 2023 Update

## Immunizing Adults

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- This presentation will include the most current ACIP recommendations for frequently used vaccines but is not a comprehensive review of all available vaccines.
- Some ACIP recommendations for the use of vaccines have not currently been approved by the FDA.
- Detailed information regarding all ACIP Recommendations is available at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/recs/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/recs/index.html)

# Objectives

At the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

- Recall the role vaccines have played in preventing diseases
- Discuss the importance of vaccines for adults
- Summarize the most recent CDC recommendations for storage and handling of vaccines
- List at least 2 reliable sources for immunization information

# Vaccines Work!

CDC statistics demonstrate dramatic declines  
in vaccine-preventable diseases when compared  
with the pre-vaccine era

DISEASE	PRE-VACCINE ERA ESTIMATED ANNUAL MORBIDITY <sup>1</sup>	MOST RECENT REPORTS OR ESTIMATES OF U.S. CASES	PERCENT DECREASE
Diphtheria	21,053	2 <sup>2</sup>	>99%
<i>H. influenzae</i> (invasive, <5 years of age)	20,000	14 <sup>2,3</sup>	>99%
Hepatitis A	117,333	(est) 24,900 <sup>4</sup>	79%
Hepatitis B (acute)	66,232	(est) 21,600 <sup>4</sup>	67%
Measles	530,217	1,287 <sup>2</sup>	>99%
Meningococcal disease (all serotypes)	2,886 <sup>5</sup>	329 <sup>2</sup>	89%
Mumps	162,344	3,509 <sup>2</sup>	98%
Pertussis	200,752	15,662 <sup>2</sup>	92%
Pneumococcal disease (invasive, <5 years of age)	16,069	1,700 <sup>7</sup>	93%
Polio (paralytic)	16,316	0 <sup>2</sup>	100%
Rotavirus (hospitalizations, <3 years of age)	62,500 <sup>8</sup>	30,625 <sup>9</sup>	51%
Rubella	47,745	4 <sup>2</sup>	>99%
Congenital Rubella Syndrome	152	0 <sup>2</sup>	100%
Smallpox	29,005	0 <sup>2</sup>	100%
Tetanus	580	19 <sup>2</sup>	96%
Varicella	4,085,120	102,128 <sup>10</sup>	>98%

<https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4037.pdf>

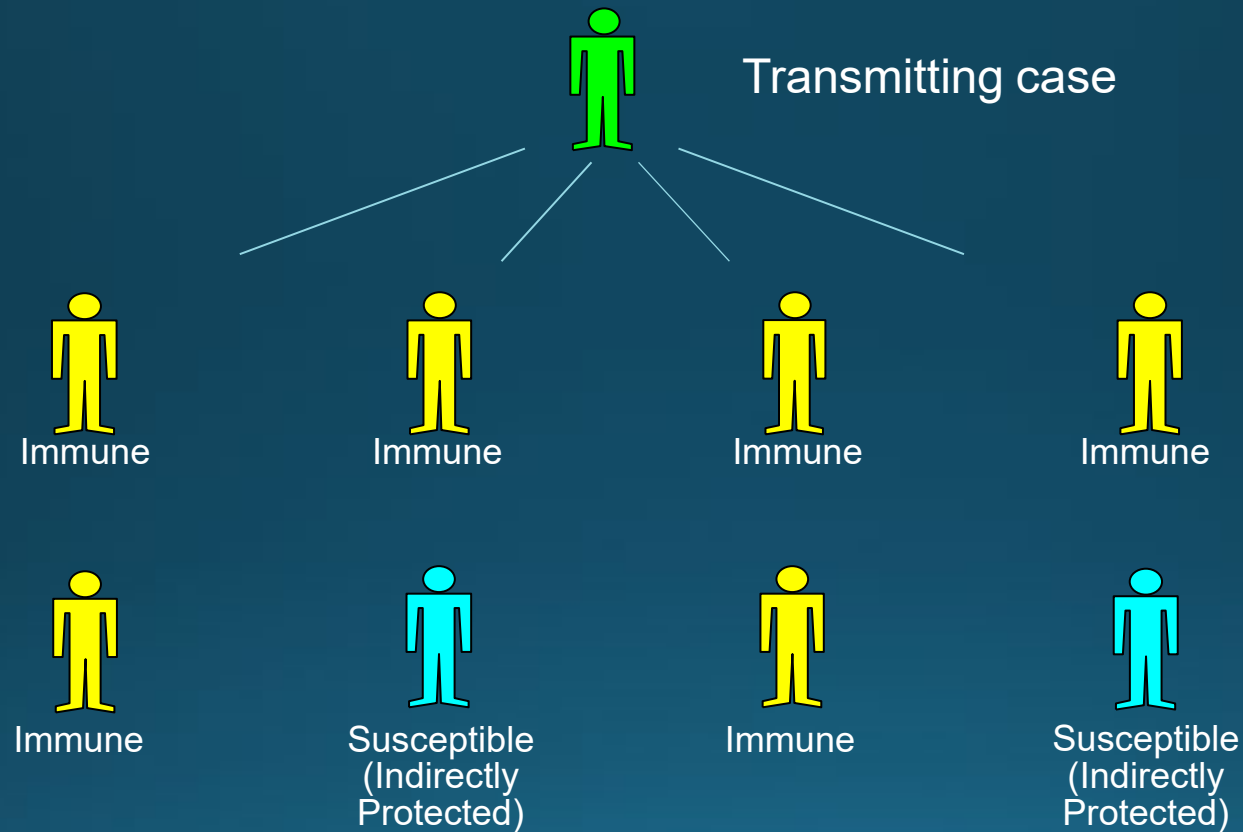
# Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

- 15 voting members with expertise in one or more of the following:
  - Vaccinology
  - Immunology
  - Infectious diseases
  - Pediatrics
  - Internal Medicine
  - Preventive medicine
  - Public health
  - Consumer perspectives and/or social and community aspects of immunization programs
- ACIP develops recommendations and schedules for the use of licensed vaccines



# Community Immunity

Formerly known as “Herd Immunity”\*



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Diphtheria



Tetanus



Pertussis



# Tdap for Adults

Boostrix™ licensed for persons 10 yrs. and older

Adacel™ licensed for persons 10 through 64 years of age

- For adults 19 through 64 years, either brand of Tdap may be used.
- For adults 65 years and older Boostrix should be used, when feasible.  
If only Adacel is available, the ACIP recommends giving it to adults aged  $\geq 65$  years.
- Either Tdap or Td can be used for routine decennial booster.
- Either can be used for tetanus prophylaxis for wound management.  
There is no minimum interval between doses of Td and Tdap.

# Tdap for Pregnant People

ACIP recommends:

One dose of Tdap during each pregnancy, regardless of a prior history of receiving Tdap.

Optimal timing:

- Between 27- and 36-weeks gestation.
- Vaccinating earlier in the 27 through 36-week window will maximize passive antibody transfer to the infant.
- This has been shown to be 80%-91% effective.
- If Tdap is not given during pregnancy, then administer Tdap immediately postpartum.

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[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/rr/rr6702a1.htm?s\\_cid=rr6702a1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/rr/rr6702a1.htm?s_cid=rr6702a1_w) and  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/tetanus.html>

# MEASLES



Incubation period---11 to 12 days from exposure to onset of symptoms



Symptoms: fever, cough, coryza, conjunctivitis, maculopapular rash and Koplik spots



Complications: otitis media, pneumonia, croup, diarrhea, encephalitis and death



Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE) is a progressive neurological disorder that is rare but always fatal.



Source: Immunization Action Coalition

# Measles, Mumps, Rubella

## Measles (M)



Source: American Academy of Pediatrics  
Red Book On Line Visual Library

## Mumps (M)



Source: Creative Commons

## Rubella (R)



## Congenital Rubella (R)

# MMR Vaccine

## ACIP recommendations:

### Adults:

- At least 1 dose MMR for unvaccinated adults
- 2 doses MMR for students entering colleges, universities, technical and vocational schools, and other post-high-school educational institutions
- 2 doses MMR for measles and mumps and 1 dose MMR for rubella for healthcare personnel
- Travelers to foreign countries should be appropriately immunized with MMR before leaving U.S.
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> MMR may be recommended in the instance of a public health-declared mumps outbreak.

# MMR Vaccine

- Antibodies develop in approximately 95% of children vaccinated at age 12 months and over 99% of children who receive 2 doses
- Immunity long-term and probably lifelong in most persons
- Evidence of Immunity: Generally, persons can be considered immune to measles if they were:
  - born before 1957,
  - have serologic evidence of measles immunity (equivocal test results should be considered negative),
  - laboratory confirmation of disease,
  - have documentation of adequate vaccination for measles.
- Healthcare providers and health departments should not accept verbal reports of vaccination without written documentation as presumptive evidence of immunity.

# Measles Containing Vaccines

- MMR-II
- PRIORIX (GSK). ACIP Recommended June 2022
  - First licensed in Germany in 1997 and approved in over 100 countries
  - Contains equivalent vaccine virus strains as MMR II (Merck)
  - No significant differences found in safety or side effects when comparing Priorix to MMR-II.
  - PRIORIX and M-M-R II are fully interchangeable.
  - ACIP General Best Practices states a preference that doses of vaccine in a series come from the same manufacturer; however, vaccination should not be deferred when the manufacturer of the previously administered vaccine is unknown or when the vaccine from the same manufacturer is unavailable
  - Studies have shown that PRIORIX is safe and immunogenic when administered as a second dose after M-M-R II

# Herpes Zoster

Herpes zoster (HZ), or shingles, occurs through reactivation of latent varicella-zoster virus

Typically characterized by prodromal pain and an acute vesicular eruption (rash) accompanied by moderate to severe pain

One in three persons will develop zoster during their lifetime

Post-herpetic neuralgia  
PHN is defined as nerve pain persisting longer than 3 mos. after disappearance of the rash.

Risk for zoster and PHN increases with age



# Shingrix<sup>®</sup> (RZV) from GSK\*

- As of November 18, 2020, Zostavax (ZVL) is no longer available for use in the United States
- Shingrix (RZV) is the only currently licensed Zoster vaccine in the United States

## Efficacy

- > 91% in preventing zoster in all vaccinated persons in licensed age groups
- > 88% in preventing PHN
- At least 85% vaccine effectiveness >4 years post-vaccination in persons 70 years and older

# Shingrix® (RZV) from GSK\*

- RZV is recommended for immunocompetent adults 50 years and older who previously received ZVL and immunocompromised adults 19 years and older.
- Two doses of RZV are recommended, regardless of prior history of herpes zoster disease or previous receipt of zoster vaccine live vaccine (ZVL).
- RZV may be given  $\geq 2$  months after prior receipt of ZVL. People who have received ZVL should be revaccinated with a 2-dose series of RZV vaccine.
- RZV may be administered to patients:
  - who previously received varicella vaccine.
  - while patients are taking antiviral medications.
  - at the same visit as other vaccines

# Shingrix<sup>®</sup> (RZV) from GSK



Store at appropriate **refrigerator** temperatures



**2 doses given IM, 2-6 months apart**

Shorter intervals may be used in some persons (including immunodeficient/immunosuppressed)



**After reconstitution/mixing, Give only 0.5 ml, not full contents of the vial.**

# Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV15, PCV20) ACIP Recommendations

## Adults

- Adults 65 years or older
  - (PCV15 or PCV20) for all adults 65 years or older who have never received any pneumococcal conjugate vaccine or whose previous vaccination history is unknown
  - For further details see:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/pneumo/hcp/recommendations.html>
- On October 20, 2021, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended 15-valent PCV (PCV15) or 20-valent PCV (PCV20) for PCV-naïve adults who are either aged ≥65 years or aged 19–64 years with certain underlying conditions.
- Adults 19 through 64 years old who have certain chronic medical conditions or other risk factors are recommended to receive pneumococcal vaccination. For details see:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/pneumo/hcp/who-when-to-vaccinate.html>

# Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV23)

## ACIP Recommendations:

- For Adults 19 years and older

See the Summary of recommendations of PPSV23 and timing at:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/pneumo/hcp/who-when-to-vaccinate.html>

# PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor Mobile App for Vaccine Providers

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The PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor Mobile App was updated on February 9, 2023, to reflect CDC's new adult pneumococcal vaccination recommendations including for those who previously received PCV13.

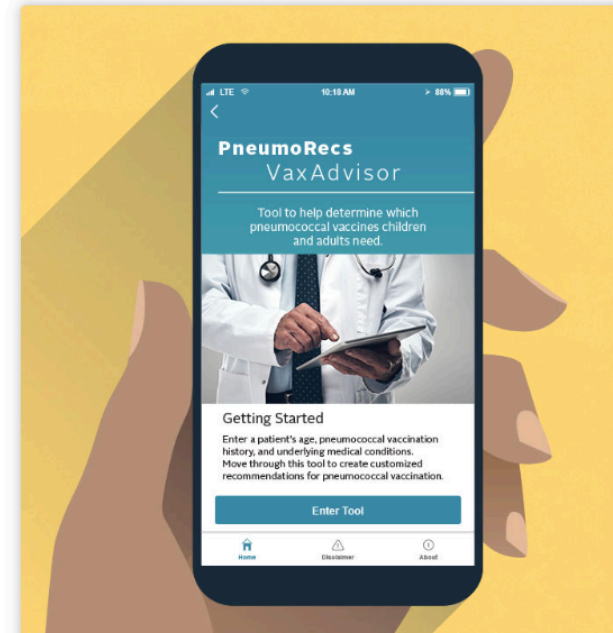
The ***PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor*** mobile app helps vaccination providers quickly and easily determine which pneumococcal vaccines a patient needs and when. The app incorporates recommendations for all ages so internists, family physicians, pediatricians, and pharmacists alike will find the tool beneficial.

Users simply:

- Enter a patient's age.
- Note if the patient has specific underlying medical conditions.
- Answer questions about the patient's pneumococcal vaccination history.

Then the app provides patient-specific guidance consistent with the immunization schedule recommended by the U.S. Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

## Download the mobile app or use the



PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor is available for download on iOS and Android mobile devices.

# Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults

Make sure your patients are up to date with pneumococcal vaccination.

## Adults ≥65 years old Complete pneumococcal vaccine schedules

Prior vaccines	Option A	Option B
None*	PCV20	PCV15 → ≥1 year† → PPSV23
PPSV23 only at any age	→ ≥1 year → PCV20	→ ≥1 year → PCV15
PCV13 only at any age	→ ≥1 year → PCV20	→ ≥1 year† → PPSV23
PCV13 at any age & PPSV23 at <65 yrs	→ ≥5 years → PCV20	→ ≥5 years§ → PPSV23

\* Also applies to people who received PCV7 at any age and no other pneumococcal vaccines  
† Consider minimum interval (8 weeks) for adults with an immunocompromising condition, cochlear implant, or cerebrospinal fluid leak (CSF) leak  
§ For adults with an immunocompromising condition, cochlear implant, or CSF leak, the minimum interval for PPSV23 is ≥8 weeks since last PCV13 dose and ≥5 years since last PPSV23 dose; for others, the minimum interval for PPSV23 is ≥1 year since last PCV13 dose and ≥5 years since last PPSV23 dose

## Shared clinical decision-making for those who already completed the series with PCV13 and PPSV

Prior vaccines	Shared clinical decision-making option
Complete series: PCV13 at any age & PPSV23 at ≥65 yrs	→ ≥5 years → PCV20 Together, with the patient, vaccine providers <b>may choose</b> to administer PCV20 to adults ≥65 years old who have already received PCV13 (but not PCV15 or PCV20) at any age and PPSV23 at or after the age of 65 years old.

[www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/vaccination.html](https://www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/vaccination.html)



## Adults 19–64 years old with specified immunocompromising conditions Complete pneumococcal vaccine schedules

Prior vaccines	Option A	Option B
None*	PCV20	PCV15 → ≥8 weeks → PPSV23
PPSV23 only	→ ≥1 year → PCV20	→ ≥1 year → PCV15
PCV13 only	→ ≥1 year → PCV20	→ ≥8 weeks → PPSV23 → ≥5 years → PPSV23 Review pneumococcal vaccine recommendations again when your patient turns 65 years old.
PCV13 and 1 dose of PPSV23	→ ≥5 years → PCV20	→ ≥5 years† → PPSV23 Review pneumococcal vaccine recommendations again when your patient turns 65 years old.
PCV13 and 2 doses of PPSV23	→ ≥5 years → PCV20	<b>No vaccines</b> recommended at this time. Review pneumococcal vaccine recommendations again when your patient turns 65 years old.
Immunocompromising conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chronic renal failure</li><li>Congenital or acquired asplenia</li><li>Congenital or acquired immunodeficiency§</li><li>Generalized malignancy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HIV infection</li><li>Hodgkin disease</li><li>Iatrogenic immunosuppression¶</li><li>Leukemia</li><li>Lymphoma</li><li>Multiple myeloma</li><li>Nephrotic syndrome</li><li>Sickle cell disease/other hemoglobinopathies</li><li>Solid organ transplant</li></ul>

\* Also applies to people who received PCV7 at any age and no other pneumococcal vaccines  
† The minimum interval for PPSV23 is ≥8 weeks since last PCV13 dose and ≥5 years since last PPSV23 dose  
§ Includes B- (humoral) or T-lymphocyte deficiency, complement deficiencies (particularly C1, C2, C3, and C4 deficiencies), and phagocytic disorders (excluding chronic granulomatous disease)  
¶ Includes diseases requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs, including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy

# FDA Recommended Influenza Antigens for 2023-2024 Season in the U.S.

• Egg-based influenza vaccines	Cell culture–based inactivated (ccIIV4) and recombinant (RIV4) influenza vaccines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• influenza A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus</li><li>• an influenza A/Darwin/9/2021 (H3N2)-like virus</li><li>• an influenza B/Austria/1359417/2021 (Victoria lineage)-like virus</li><li>• an influenza B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like virus</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• influenza A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus</li><li>• an influenza A/Darwin/6/2021 (H3N2)-like virus</li><li>• an influenza B/Austria/1359417/2021 (Victoria lineage)-like virus</li><li>• an influenza B/Phuket/3073/2013 (Yamagata lineage)-like virus</li></ul>


**ACIP recommends annual influenza vaccine for all persons 6 months of age and older who do not have contraindications.**

# Influenza Vaccines for 2022-2023 Season

TABLE 1. Influenza vaccines — United States, 2023–24 influenza season\*

Trade name (manufacturer)	Presentation			$\mu\text{g}$ HA (IIV4s and RIV4) or virus count (LAIV4) for each vaccine virus		Mercury (from thimerosal, if present)							
IIV4 (standard-dose, egg-based vaccines†)	Afluria Quadrivalent (Seqirus)	0.5-mL PFS§  5.0-mL MDV§	Fluzone Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	0.5-mL PFS††	≥6 mos††	15 $\mu\text{g}$ /0.5 mL		IM¶	—				
				0.5-mL SDV††	≥6 mos††	15 $\mu\text{g}$ /0.5 mL		IM¶	—				
				5.0-mL MDV††	≥6 mos††	7.5 $\mu\text{g}$ /0.25 mL 15 $\mu\text{g}$ /0.5 mL		IM¶	25				
Afluria Quadrivalent (Seqirus)	0.5-mL PFS§  5.0-mL MDV§		cclIV4 (standard-dose, cell culture–based)	Flublok Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	0.5-mL PFS	≥18 yrs	45 $\mu\text{g}$ /0.5 mL		IM¶	—			
				Fluarix Quadrivalent (GlaxoSmithKline)	0.5-mL	LAIV4 (egg-based vaccine†)							
					5.0-mL	FluMist Quadrivalent (AstraZeneca)	0.2-mL prefilled single-use intranasal sprayer	2 through 49 yrs	10 <sup>6.5–7.5</sup> fluorescent focus units/0.2 mL	NAS	—		
FluLaval Quadrivalent (GlaxoSmithKline)	0.5-mL PFS		HD-IIV4 (high-dose, egg-based vaccine)										
Fluzone Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	0.5-mL PFS††		Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	0.7-mL									
<b>Abbreviations:</b> ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; HA = hemagglutinin; IIV4 = inactivated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent; IM = intramuscular; LAIV4 = live attenuated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent; MDV = multidose vial; PFS = prefilled syringe; RIV4 = recombinant influenza vaccine, quadrivalent; SDV = single-dose vial. * Manufacturer package inserts and updated CDC and ACIP guidance should be consulted for additional information concerning, but not limited to, indications, contraindications, warnings, and precautions. Package inserts for U.S.-licensed vaccines are available at <a href="https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/vaccines-licensed-use-united-states">https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/vaccines-licensed-use-united-states</a> <a href="#">↗</a> . Availability and characteristics of specific products and presentations might change or differ from what is described in this table and in the text of this report.													
† Although a history of severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) to egg is a labeled contraindication to the use of egg-based IIV4s and LAIV4, ACIP recommends that all persons aged ≥6 months with egg allergy should receive influenza vaccine and that any influenza vaccine (egg based or nonegg based) that is otherwise appropriate for the recipient’s age and health status can be used (see Persons with a History of Egg Allergy).													
§ The approved dose volume for Afluria Quadrivalent is 0.25 mL for children aged 6 through 35 months and 0.5 mL for persons aged ≥3 years. However, 0.25-mL prefilled syringes are no longer available. For children aged 6 through 35 months, a 0.25-mL dose must be obtained from a multidose vial.													
¶ IM-administered influenza vaccines should be administered by needle and syringe only, with the exception of the MDV presentation of Afluria Quadrivalent, which may be administered intramuscularly. Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent is not for use in children younger than 12 years. Fluarix Quadrivalent is not for use in children younger than 16 years. FluMist Quadrivalent is not for use in children younger than 2 years.													

**Abbreviations:** ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; HA = hemagglutinin; IIV4 = inactivated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent; IM = intramuscular; LAIV4 = live attenuated influenza vaccine, quadrivalent; MDV = multidose vial; PFS = prefilled syringe; RIV4 = recombinant influenza vaccine, quadrivalent; SDV = single-dose vial.

\* Manufacturer package inserts and updated CDC and ACIP guidance should be consulted for additional information concerning, but not limited to, indications, contraindications, warnings, and precautions. Package inserts for U.S.-licensed vaccines are available at <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines/vaccines-licensed-use-united-states> . Availability and characteristics of specific products and presentations might change or differ from what is described in this table and in the text of this report.

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¶ IM-administered influenza vaccines should be administered by needle and syringe only, with the exception of the MDV presentation of Afluria Quadrivalent, which may alternatively be given by the PharmaJet Stratis jet injector for persons aged 18 through 64 years only. For older children and adults, the recommended site for IM influenza vaccination is the deltoid muscle. The preferred site for infants and young children is the anterolateral aspect of the thigh. Additional specific guidance regarding site selection and needle length for IM administration is available in the General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html>.

\*\* Not applicable.

†† Fluzone Quadrivalent is approved for children aged 6 through 35 months at either 0.25 mL or 0.5 mL per dose; however, 0.25-mL prefilled syringes are no longer available.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/rr/rr7202a1.htm>

## Influenza Vaccine Products for the 2023–2024 Influenza Season

Manufacturer	Trade Name (vaccine abbreviation) <sup>1</sup>	How Supplied	Mercury Content (mcg Hg/0.5mL)	Age Range	CVX Code	Vaccine Product Billing Code <sup>2</sup>
						CPT
AstraZeneca	FluMist (LAIV4)	0.2 mL (single-use nasal spray)	0	2 through 49 years	149	90672
GSK	Fluarix (IIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	6 months & older <sup>3</sup>	150	90686
	FluLaval (IIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	6 months & older <sup>3</sup>	150	90686
Sanofi	Flublok (RIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	18 years & older	185	90682
	Fluzone (IIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	6 months & older <sup>3</sup>	150	90686
		0.5 mL (single-dose vial)	0	6 months & older <sup>3</sup>	150	90686
		5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.25 mL dose)	25	6 through 35 months <sup>3</sup>	158	90687
		5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.5 mL dose)	25	6 months & older	158	90688
	Fluzone High-Dose (IIV4-HD)	0.7 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	65 years & older	197	90662
Seqirus	Afluria (IIV4)	5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.25 mL dose)	24.5	6 through 35 months <sup>3</sup>	158	90687
		5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.5 mL dose)	24.5	3 years & older	158	90688
		0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	3 years & older <sup>3</sup>	150	90686
	Fluad (aIIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	65 years & older	205	90694
	Flucelvax (ccIIV4)	0.5 mL (single-dose syringe)	0	6 months & older <sup>3</sup>	171	90674
		5.0 mL multi-dose vial (0.5 mL dose)	25	6 months & older <sup>3</sup>	186	90756

### NOTES

1. IIV4 = egg-based quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (injectable); where necessary to refer to cell culture-based vaccine, the prefix "cc" is used (e.g., ccIIV4); RIV4 = quadrivalent recombinant hemagglutinin influenza vaccine (injectable); aIIV4 = adjuvanted quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine.

2. An administration code should always be reported in addition to the vaccine product code. Note: Third party payers may have specific policies and guidelines that might require providing additional information on their claim forms.

3. Dosing for infants and children age 6 through 35 months:

- Afluria 0.25 mL
- Fluarix 0.5 mL
- Flucelvax 0.5 mL
- FluLaval 0.5 mL
- Fluzone 0.25 mL or 0.5 mL

4. Afluria is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for intramuscular administration with the PharmaJet Stratis Needle-Free Injection System for persons age 18 through 64 years.



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# Live, Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV4)\*

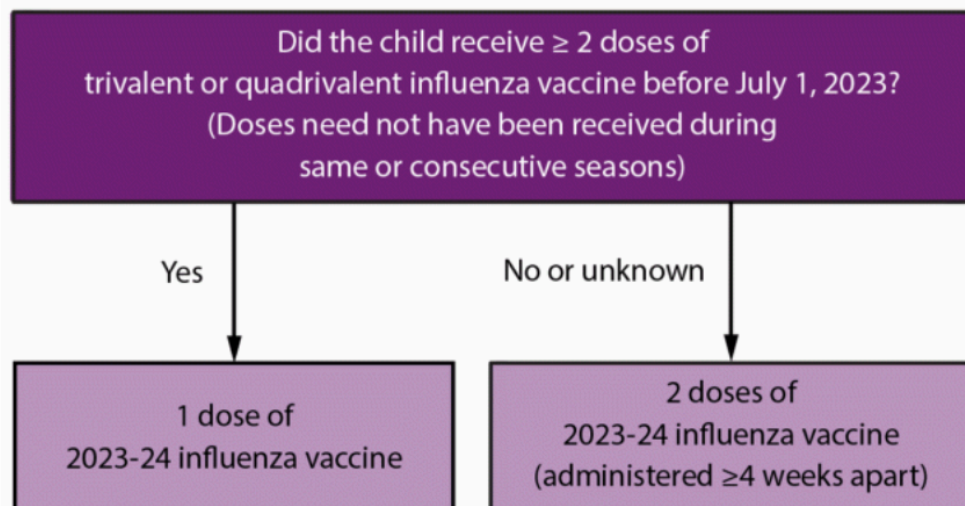
## FluMist® MedImmune (Nasal Spray)

- **Licensed for healthy persons 2 through 49 years of age**

### Contraindications to LAIV include:

- Children 2-4 yrs. of age with a diagnosis of asthma
- Persons receiving aspirin-containing medications – potential risk for Reye syndrome
- Persons who are immunocompromised, by medication or disease, have a CSF leak or cochlear implant, or asplenia
- Close contacts and caregivers of severely immunosuppressed persons
- Persons who have received influenza antiviral medications within the previous days (dependent on antiviral)
- Persons with a cranial CSF leak; people with cochlear implants
- Persons with a severe allergic reaction to any component of the vaccine or to a previous dose of any influenza vaccine (exception for allergy to egg)
- Pregnancy

FIGURE. Influenza vaccine dosing algorithm for children aged 6 months through 8 years\* — Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, United States, 2023–24 influenza season



\* Children aged 6 months through 8 years who require 2 doses of influenza vaccine should receive their first dose as soon as possible (including during July and August, if vaccine is available) to allow the second dose (which must be administered ≥4 weeks later) to be received, ideally, by the end of October. For children aged 8 years who require 2 doses of vaccine, both doses should be administered even if the child turns age 9 years between receipt of dose 1 and dose 2.

**TABLE 4. Dose volumes for inactivated influenza vaccines approved for children aged 6 through 35 months\* — United States, 2023–24 influenza season**



Trade name (manufacturer)	Dose volume for children aged 6 through 35 mos ( $\mu$ g HA per vaccine virus)
Afluria Quadrivalent (Seqirus)	0.25 mL (7.5 $\mu$ g) <sup>†</sup>
Fluarix Quadrivalent (GlaxoSmithKline)	0.5 mL (15 $\mu$ g)
Flucelvax Quadrivalent (Seqirus)	0.5 mL (15 $\mu$ g)
FluLaval Quadrivalent (GlaxoSmithKline)	0.5 mL (15 $\mu$ g)
Fluzone Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	0.5 mL (15 $\mu$ g) <sup>§</sup>

# History of egg allergy and egg-based Influenza vaccines (update 2023-24 season)

- ACIP recommends that all persons aged  $\geq 6$  months with egg allergy should receive influenza vaccine.
- Any influenza vaccine (egg based or nonegg based) that is otherwise appropriate for the recipient's age and health status can be used.
- It is no longer recommended that persons who have had an allergic reaction to egg involving symptoms other than urticaria should be vaccinated in an inpatient or outpatient medical setting supervised by a health care provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic reactions if an egg-based vaccine is used.

# History of egg allergy and egg-based Influenza vaccines (2)

- Egg allergy alone necessitates no additional safety measures for influenza vaccination beyond those recommended for any recipient of any vaccine, regardless of severity of previous reaction to egg.
- All vaccines should be administered in settings in which personnel and equipment needed for rapid recognition and treatment of acute hypersensitivity reactions are available.

# Co-administration

- Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIV4s) and RIV4 may be administered simultaneously or sequentially with other inactivated vaccines or live vaccines. Injectable vaccines that are given concomitantly should be administered at separate anatomic sites.
- LAIV4 can be administered simultaneously with other live or inactivated vaccines. However, if two live vaccines are not given simultaneously, then after administration of one live vaccine (such as LAIV4), at least 4 weeks should pass before another live vaccine is administered.
- Guidance concerning administration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines indicates that these vaccines may be given with other vaccines, including influenza vaccines.
- Providers should be aware of the potential for increased reactogenicity with coadministration and should consult the CDC guidance as more information becomes available. (This is more likely with the adjuvanted or high dose IIV4s which are recommended in persons 65 years and older.)

## Influenza Vaccines Preference 2023-24 for Older Adults

- ACIP recommends that adults aged  $\geq 65$  years preferentially receive any one of the following higher dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccines:
  - quadrivalent high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (HD-IIV4),
  - quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4), or
  - quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV4).
- If none of these three vaccines is available at an opportunity for vaccine administration, then any other age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be used.
- *No preference is expressed for any one of these three vaccines.*

# Timing of Influenza Vaccination

- Influenza vaccines might be available as early as July or August; however, vaccination during these months is not recommended for most groups because of the possible waning of immunity over the course of the influenza season
- For most persons who need only 1 dose of influenza vaccine for the season, vaccination should ideally be offered during September or October.
- However, vaccination should continue after October and throughout the influenza season as long as influenza viruses are circulating and unexpired vaccine is available.

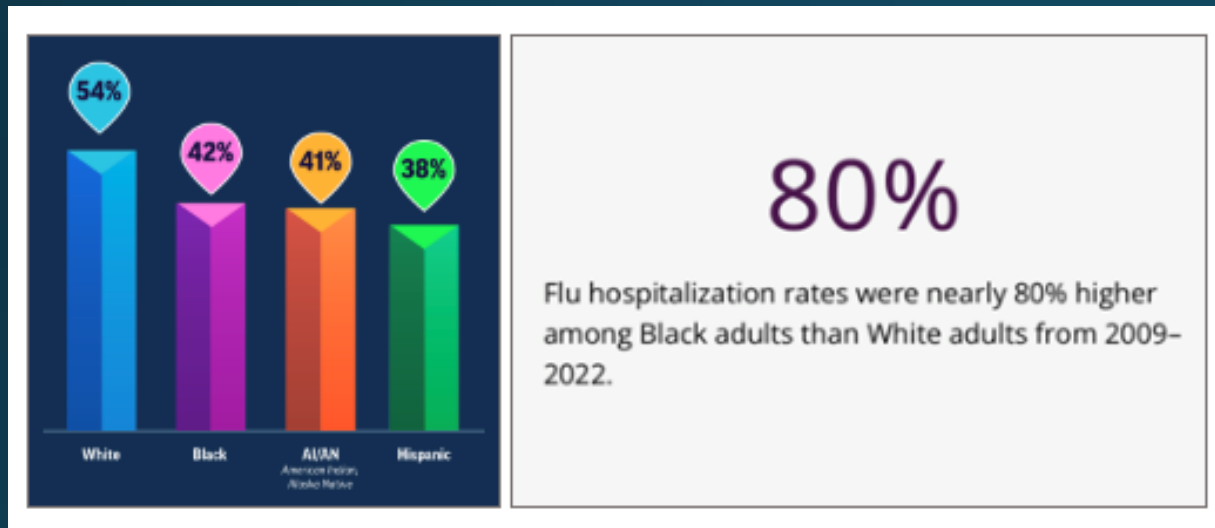
# Timing of Influenza Vaccination (2)

Vaccination in July or August may be considered for:

- Children who require 2 doses
- Children who require only 1 dose who show up for Well child exams in the late summer and may not return later in the year
- Pregnant persons in the third trimester

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/rr/rr7202a1.htm>

# Inequities in Flu Vaccine Uptake



# Hepatitis A Vaccine Recommendations for Adults

- Adults age 19 years or older with risk factors should receive the adult formulation of HepA vaccine.
- Persons at increased risk for HAV infection, or who are at increased risk for severe disease from HAV infection, should be routinely vaccinated.
- Some risk factors include:
  - Persons with HIV
  - Those traveling or working in countries with high or intermediate endemicity of infection
  - Persons experiencing homelessness
  - Persons with chronic liver disease or on dialysis
  - U. S. Adopters of adoptees from countries with high rates of hepatitis should receive the first dose of the 2-dose series as soon as adoption is planned.

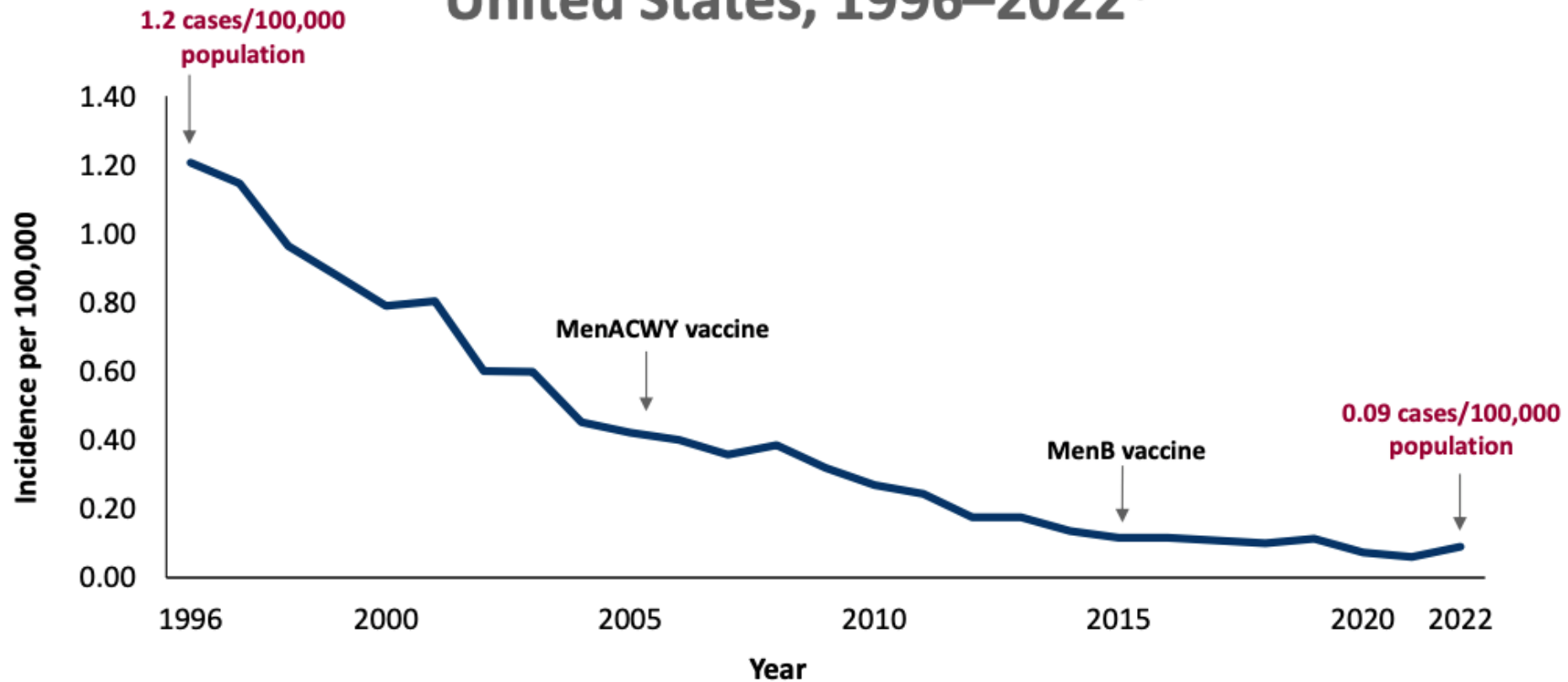
# Hepatitis B Vaccine Recommendations for adults

- All adults aged 19-59 years should receive Hep B vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine is recommended for adults **age 60 years or older with** risk factors for hepatitis B virus infection
- **People age 60 years or older without** known risk factors for hepatitis B virus infection **may** also complete a HepB vaccine series.
- Risk factors for hepatitis B virus infection include:
  - **Chronic liver disease**
  - **Patients on dialysis**
  - **HIV infection**
  - **Sexual exposure risk**
  - **Current or recent injection drug use**
  - **Percutaneous or mucosal risk for exposure to blood**
  - **Incarceration**
  - **Travel in countries with high or intermediate endemic hepatitis B**
- Persons who have completed a HepB vaccination series at any point or who have a history of HBV infection should not receive additional HepB vaccination, although there is no evidence that receiving additional vaccine doses is harmful

# Meningococcal Disease (caused by *N. meningitidis*)

- Usually presents as meningitis, bacteremia or both
  - Transmitted through direct contact with respiratory tract secretions from patients and asymptomatic carriers
  - Nasopharyngeal carriage rate is highest in adolescents and young adults in the U.S.
  - Incidence of meningococcal disease declined during 2020– 2021, but increased in 2022
  - Recent outbreaks in the US (people experiencing homelessness, men who have sex with men)
  - New strains emerging in the US – Predominantly affecting racial and ethnic minority groups – Unclear how this will change overall epidemiology
  - More complete 2021 and 2022 data are needed
  - More years of data needed to understand post-COVID-19 epidemiology

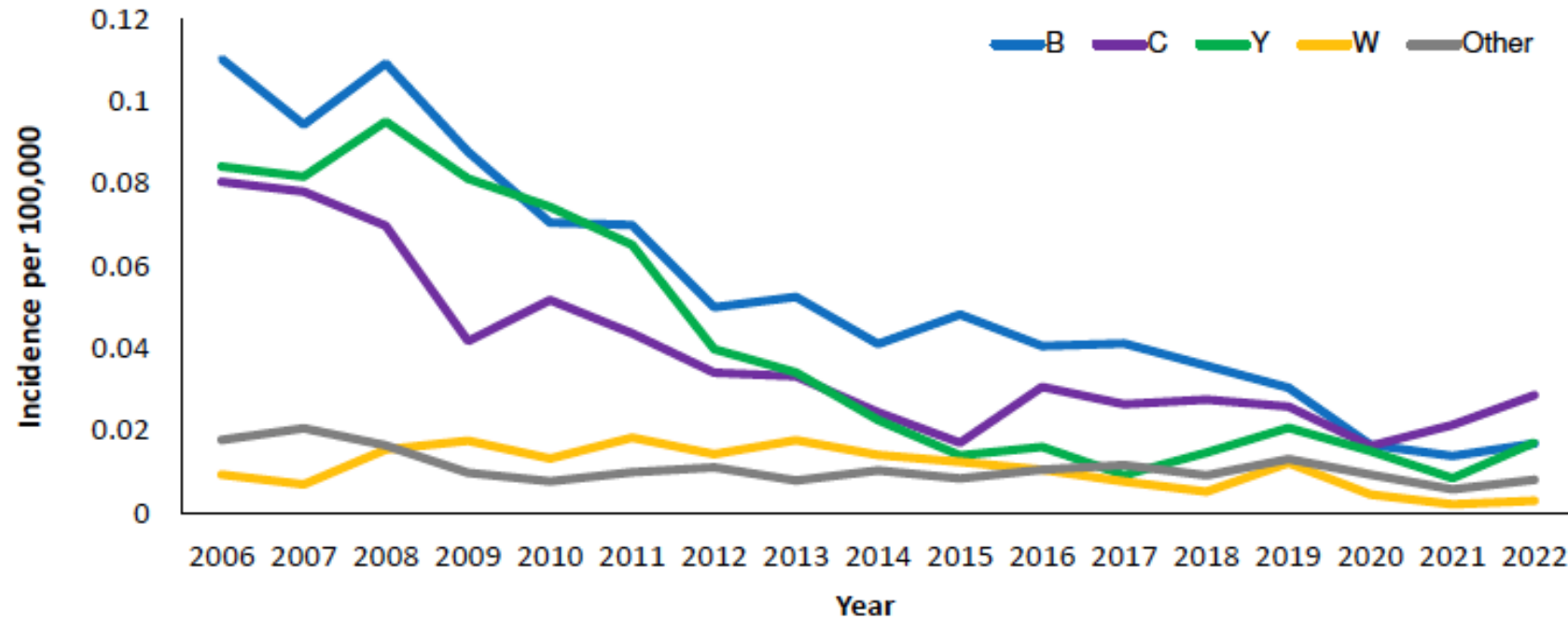
## Meningococcal Disease Incidence – United States, 1996–2022\*



Abbreviations: MenACWY vaccine = quadrivalent conjugate meningococcal vaccine against serogroups A, C, W, Y; MenB vaccine = serogroup B meningococcal vaccine  
Source: 1996–2022 NNDSS Data. \*2021–2022 NNDSS data are preliminary.

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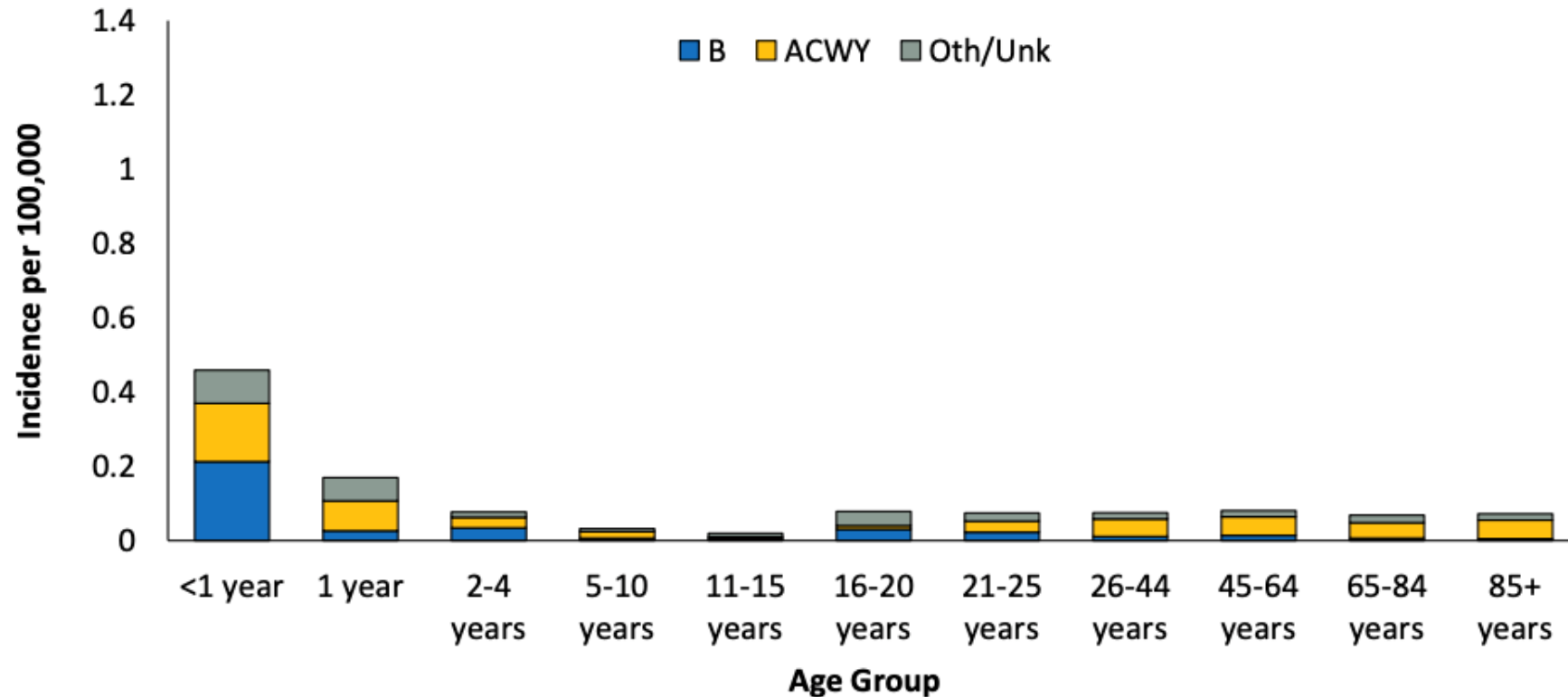
## Trends in Meningococcal Disease Incidence by Serogroup – United States, 2006–2022\*



Source: NNDSS data with additional serogroup data from Active Bacterial Core surveillance (ABCs) and state health departments

\*2021 and 2022 data are preliminary

## Average Annual Meningococcal Disease Incidence by Age-Group and Serogroup—United States, 2020–2022\*



Source: NNDSS data with additional serogroup data from ABCs and state health departments

\*2021 and 2022 data are preliminary

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# Signs and Symptoms of Meningococcal Disease

- Symptoms of meningitis
  - Sudden onset of fever
  - Headache
  - Stiff neck
  - Photophobia
  - Nausea and vomiting
- Symptoms of meningococemia
  - All of the above are possible
  - Cold hand and feet
  - Pruritic rash
- Risk factors
  - Persistent complement component deficiencies
  - Asplenia,
  - HIV infection
  - Exposure during an outbreak; Travel/residence in a country where disease is endemic/epidemic
  - Household crowding, smoking,
  - Unvaccinated college freshmen in dorms (particularly serogroup B)
  - Military recruits



# Quadrivalent Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) (Men A,C,W, Y)

Menactra™ licensed for 9 mos. through 55 years

Menveo® licensed for ages 2 mos. through 55 years

MenQuadfi® licensed for ages  $\geq 2$  yrs. of age

ACIP recommends for adolescents:

- Dose 1---age 11-12 years preferred
- Booster dose---age 16 years
- If 1<sup>st</sup> dose is received  $\geq 16$  years of age, a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is not needed, unless they become at increased risk for meningococcal disease
- **Effective July 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year, a meningococcal conjugate (MCV4/MenACWY) booster was required for all high school students entering the 11th grade and who are 16 years of age or older.**
- **First-year college students who live in residential housing (if not previously vaccinated at age 16 years or older) or military recruits**

# Meningococcal Vaccines for High Risk Persons 6 weeks – 55 years\*

Menactra™ licensed for 9 mos. through 55 years

Menveo® licensed for ages 2 mos. through 55 years

MenQuadfi® licensed for ages  $\geq 2$  yrs. of age

Recommended for persons **2 months through 55 years\*\***:

- human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)\*\*\*
- Persistent complement component deficiency, complement inhibitor
- functional or anatomic asplenia (sickle cell disease)
- microbiologists exposed to isolates of *N. meningitidis*
- part of a community outbreak due to vaccine serogroups
- persons traveling internationally to regions with endemic meningococcal disease

**For persons in any of these categories, consult the current  
ACIP Immunization Schedules for specific dosages and guidelines**

# Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine

Bexsero® licensed for ages 10 through 25 years (2 dose)

Trumenba® licensed for ages 10 through 25 years (2 or 3 dose)

ACIP recommends serogroup B meningococcal vaccine for\*:

- Persons with persistent complement component deficiencies
- Persons with anatomic or functional asplenia
- Persons receiving complement inhibitor
- Microbiologists routinely exposed to isolates of *Neisseria meningitidis*
- Persons considered at greater risk because of a serogroup B meningococcal disease outbreak\*\*

Based on shared clinical decision making:

A Men B vaccine series may be administered to adolescents and young adults 16 through 23 years of age to provide short-term protection against most strains of Men B. Preferred age is 16-18 years.

# Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine Administration

Bexsero® licensed for ages 10 through 25 years (2 dose)

Trumenba® licensed for ages 10 through 25 years (2 dose or 3 dose)

The 2 vaccine products are not interchangeable.

## MenB-FHbp (Trumenba®)

- 2 dose schedule – administered at 0, 6 months
- Given to healthy adolescents who are not at increased risk for meningococcal disease
- 3 dose schedule – administered at 0, 1-2, 6 months
- Given to persons at increased risk for meningococcal disease and for use during serogroup B outbreaks

## MenB-4C (Bexsero®)

- 2 dose schedule – 0, 1-2 months
- Given to healthy adolescents who are not at increased risk for meningococcal disease
- Given to persons at increased risk for meningococcal disease and for use during serogroup B outbreaks

# Meningococcal Vaccine Booster Recommendations\*

For persons at continued risk

- Meningococcal quadrivalent vaccine for persons who remain at increased risk
- Persons  $\geq 10$  years of age who previously received a MenB vaccine series
- **See \*MMWR: Tables 2-11**  
**[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/rr/rr6909a1.htm#B1\\_down](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/rr/rr6909a1.htm#B1_down) for further details.**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/mening.html>

# Polio

- Since the launch of Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, polio cases have decreased by more than 99%. In addition, polio vaccines have prevented an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis in children since 1988.
- Vaccines have stopped the spread of wild poliovirus in all but two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. However, other countries have experienced outbreaks of poliovirus variants, which can emerge in areas where immunization rates are low.

<https://www.cdc.gov/polio/global-polio-eradication.html>

# ACIP Polio Vaccine Recommendations, June 2023

- Most adults residing in the United States are presumed to be protected against polio because they received routine childhood immunization and have only a small risk of exposure to poliovirus in the United States. In general, unless there are specific reasons to believe they were not vaccinated, most adults who were born and raised in the United States can assume they were vaccinated for polio as children.
- Adults who are known or suspected to be unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated against polio should complete a primary vaccination series with inactivated polio vaccine (IPV).<sup>(1)</sup>
- Adults who have received a primary series of trivalent oral polio vaccine (tOPV) or IPV in any combination and who are at increased risk of poliovirus exposure may receive one lifetime IPV booster.

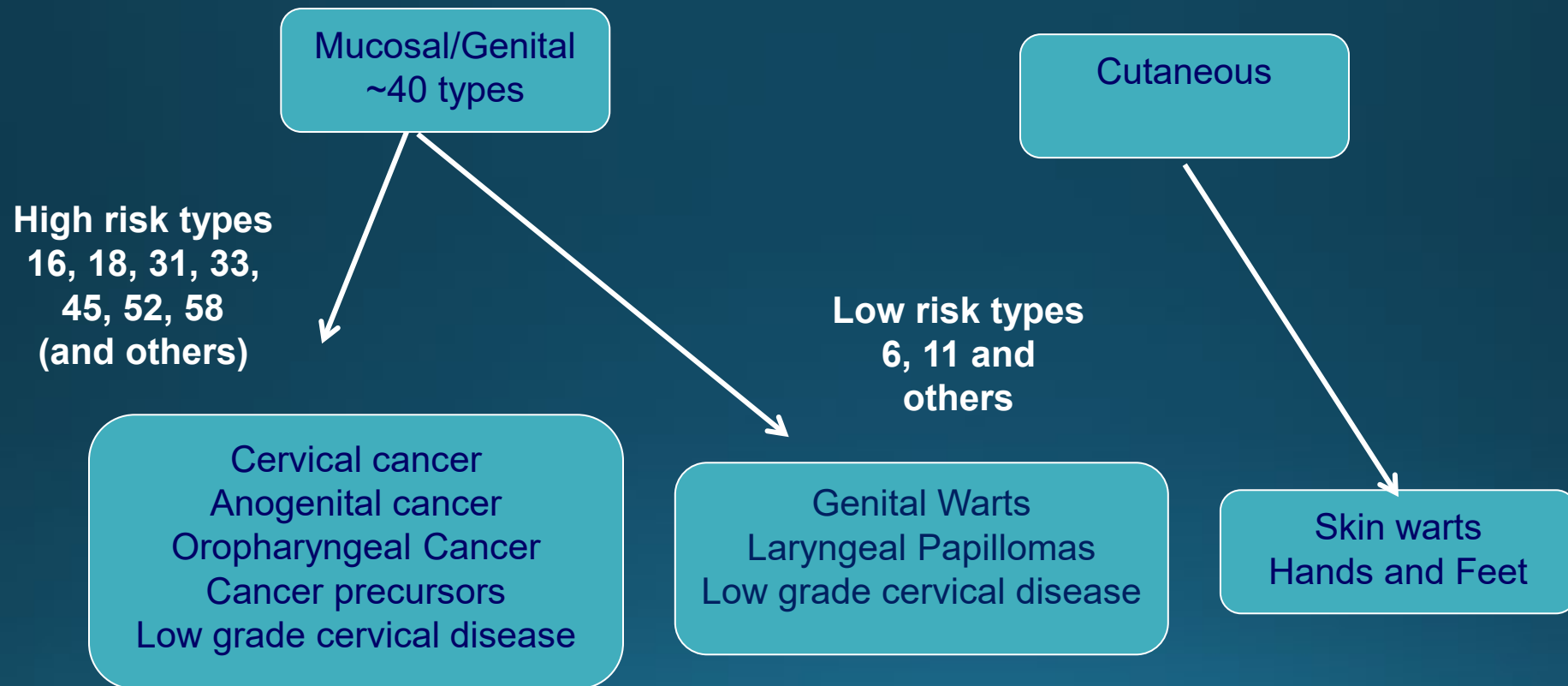
# People at increased risk for Polio

- Travelers who are going to countries where polio is epidemic or endemic (For additional information, see Polio: For Travelers, <https://www.cdc.gov/polio/us/travelers.html>)
- Laboratory and healthcare workers who handle specimens that might contain polioviruses.
- Healthcare workers or other caregivers who have close contact with a person who could be infected with poliovirus.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/polio/hcp/recommendations.html>

# Types of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)\*

(More Than 200 Types Identified)



\*Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2015

\*Red Book – AAP 2018 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases

\* MMWR, August 29, 2014, RR Vol. 63, No. 5

# HPV Vaccine

**Gardasil 9<sup>®</sup> (9vHPV)** HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58

ACIP recommends HPV vaccine starting at age 11 or 12 years for:

- All males and females through 26 years of age
- Catch-up vaccination for persons through age 26 who are not adequately vaccinated

Gardasil 9 is now also licensed for all persons 9 through 45 yrs. of age\*\*

- Use the 3-dose schedule for persons 15-45 years of age
- Based on shared clinical decision making, the series may be given to persons ages 27-45.

# ACIP Recommendations and Schedule

## 2 Dose Schedule:

HPV vaccine initiated between 9-14 years can be given in two doses: 0, 6-12 months.  
(If the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is administered at least 5 months after 1<sup>st</sup> dose, it can be counted).

## 3 Dose Schedule:

HPV vaccine initiated after the 15<sup>th</sup> birthday or in persons with certain immunocompromising conditions should be vaccinated with the 3 dose schedule:  
0, 1-2, 6 months

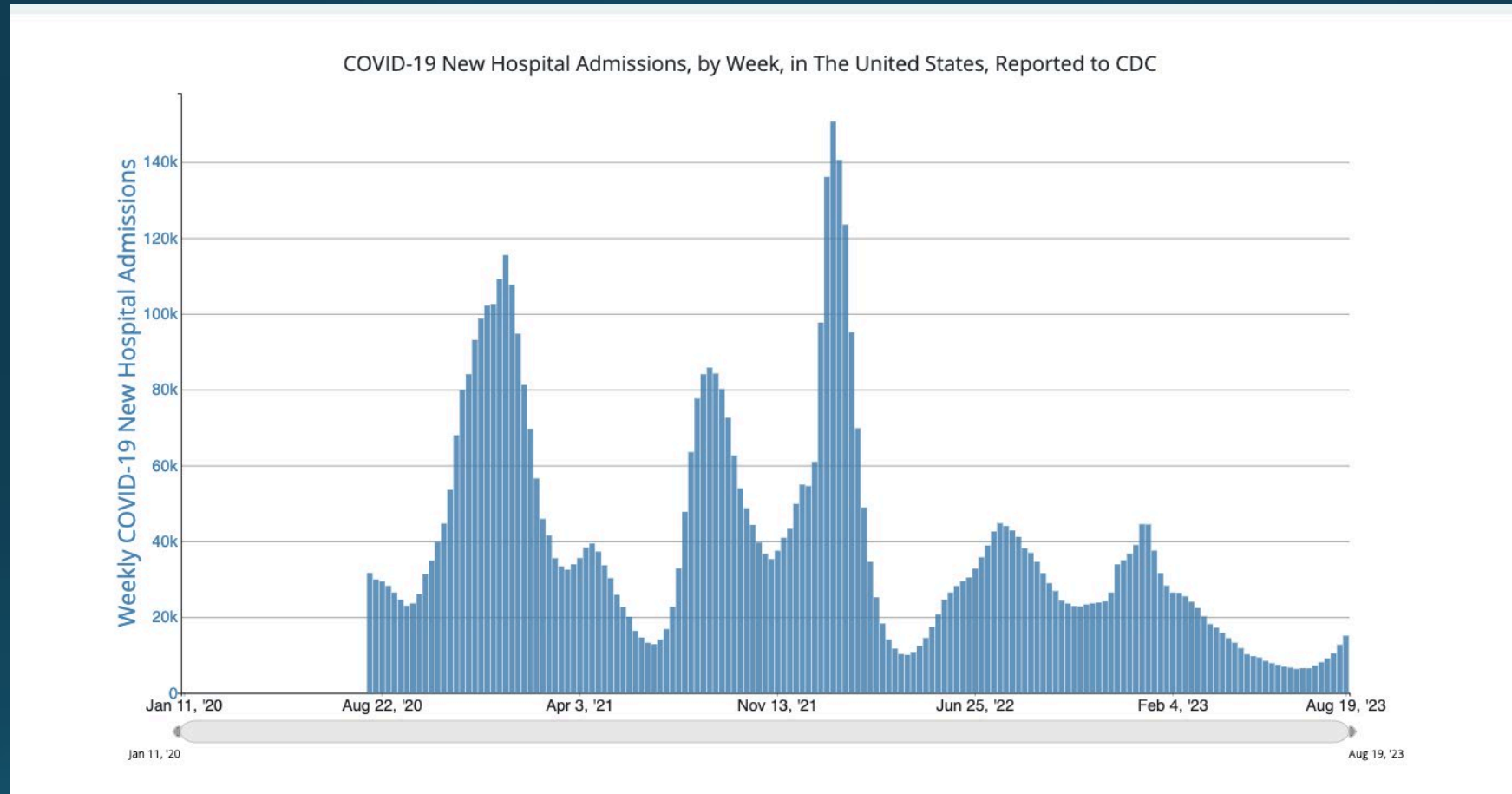
Dose 2 should be given at least 1 to 2 months after first dose (1 month minimum); Dose 3 should be given at least 6 months after the first dose  
(minimum of 3 months between dose 2 and 3)

# Other vaccine news February 2023

Monkeypox – ACIP approved the following recommendation by majority vote at its February 22-24, 2023, meeting:

- ACIP recommends the 2-dose JYNNEOS vaccine series for persons aged 18 years and older at risk of mpox during an mpox outbreak.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>

# COVID-19 Burden



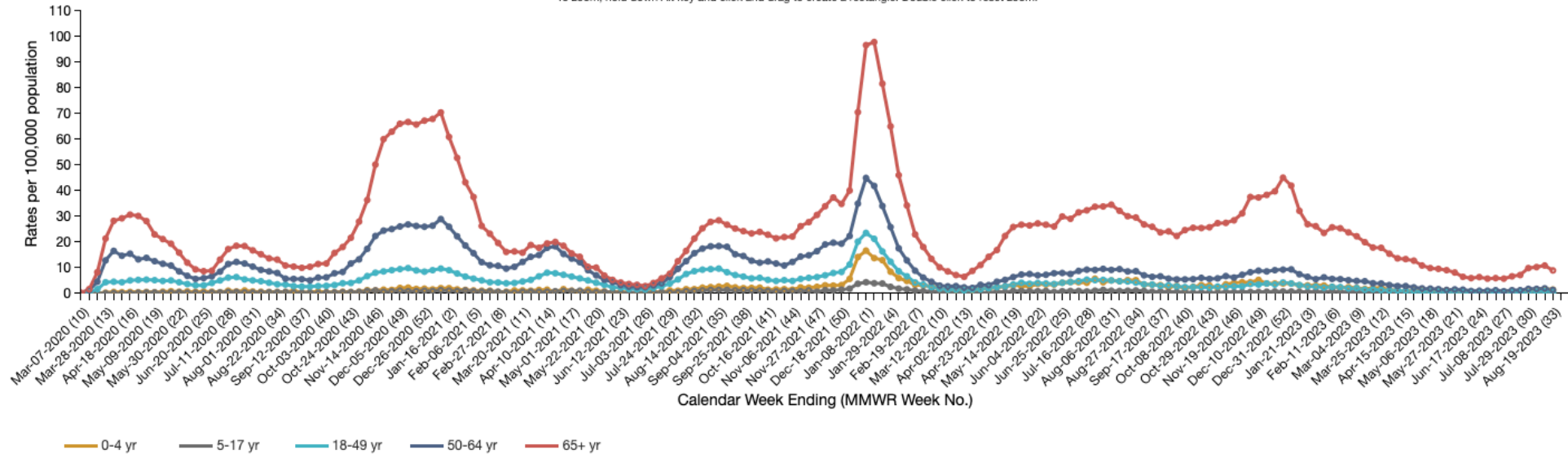
## Rates of COVID-19-Associated Hospitalization

Preliminary weekly rates as of Aug 19, 2023

Display by **Weekly Rate** View Rate by **Age Group** Choose Age Group ?

COVID-NET :: Entire Network :: 2020-22 :: Weekly Rate

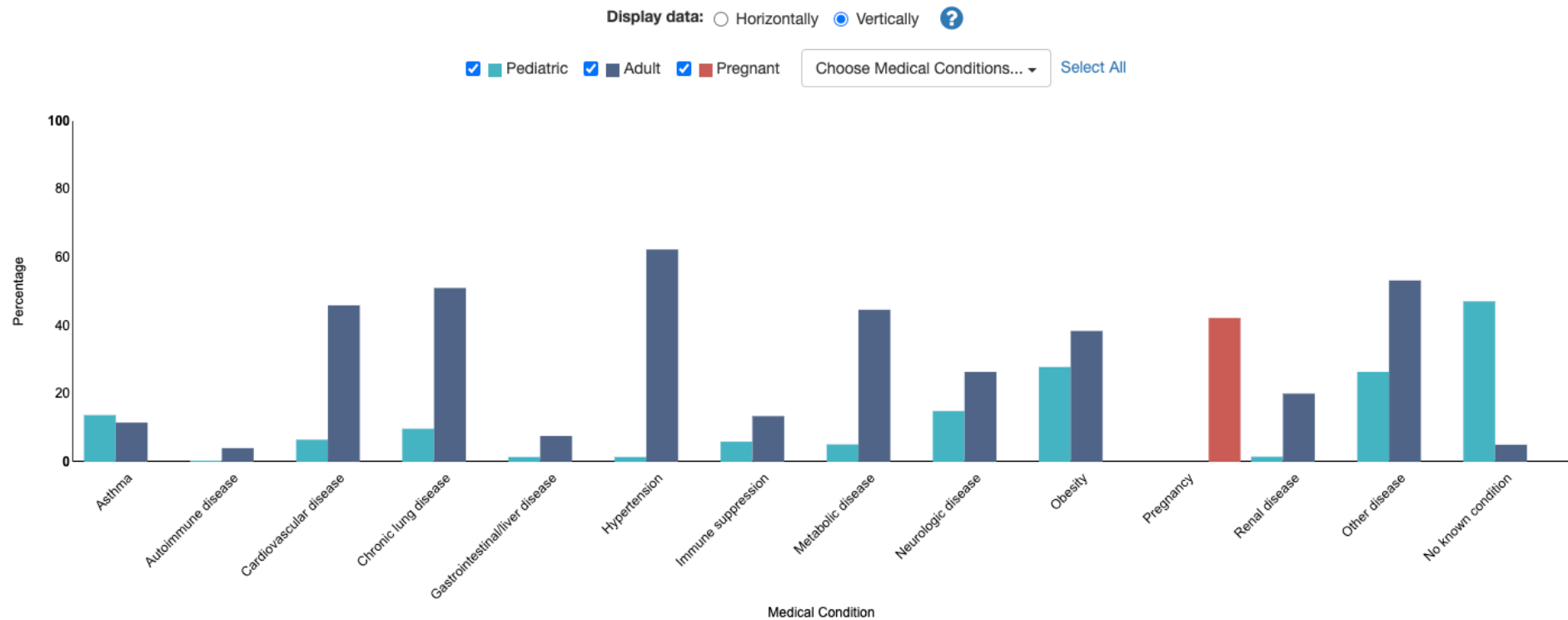
To zoom, hold down Alt key and click and drag to create a rectangle. Double click to reset zoom.



The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)-Associated Hospitalization Surveillance Network (COVID-NET) hospitalization data are preliminary and subject to change as more data become available. In particular, case counts and rates for recent hospital admissions are subject to lag. Lag for COVID-NET case identification and reporting might increase around holidays or during periods of increased hospital utilization. As data are received each week, prior case counts and rates are updated accordingly. COVID-NET conducts population-based surveillance for laboratory-confirmed COVID-19-associated hospitalizations in children (less than 18 years of age) and adults. COVID-NET covers nearly 100 counties in the 10 Emerging Infections Program (EIP) states (CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, TN) and four Influenza Hospitalization Surveillance Project (IHSP) states (IA [March 2020-May 2022], MI, OH, and UT). Incidence rates (per 100,000 population) are calculated using the National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) vintage 2020 bridged-race postcensal population estimates for the counties included in the surveillance catchment area. The rates provided are likely to be underestimated as COVID-19 hospitalizations might be missed due to test availability and provider or facility testing practices. The NCHS bridged-race data used for the denominator for race data provides population data for children ages 0-1 year. To calculate rates of hospitalization among children ages <6 months and 6 months to <12 months, the population for children ages 0-1 year is halved.

Starting MMWR week 22 of 2022, IA data are removed from weekly rate calculations.

**Selected Underlying Medical Conditions**  
Includes data from March 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023

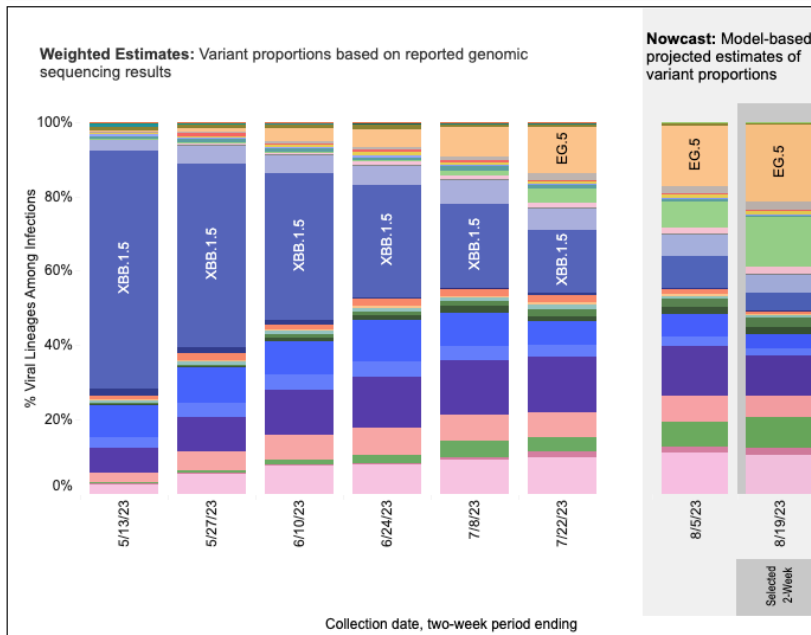


# COVID-19 Variants

## Weighted and Nowcast Estimates in United States for 2-Week Periods in 4/30/2023 – 8/19/2023



Hover over (or tap in mobile) any lineage of interest to see the amount of uncertainty in that lineage's estimate.



## Nowcast Estimates in United States for 8/6/2023 – 8/19/2023

USA			
WHO label	Lineage #	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	EG.5	20.6%	17.8-23.8%
	FL.1.5.1	13.3%	9.4-18.4%
	XBB.1.16	10.7%	9.2-12.4%
	XBB.2.3	10.6%	8.6-13.0%
	XBB.1.16.6	8.0%	6.4-10.1%
	XBB.1.16.1	5.9%	5.1-6.9%
	XBB	5.1%	4.0-6.4%
	XBB.1.5	4.7%	4.0-5.6%
	XBB.1.9.1	4.1%	3.5-4.8%
	XBB.1.5.70	2.4%	1.7-3.4%
	EG.6.1	2.3%	1.6-3.3%
	XBB.1.16.11	1.9%	1.1-3.4%
	XBB.1.5.72	1.9%	1.5-2.4%
	XBB.1.9.2	1.8%	1.4-2.3%
	GE.1	1.8%	1.1-2.7%
	XBB.1.5.10	1.0%	0.7-1.4%
	FE.1.1	0.9%	0.5-1.5%
	FD.1.1	0.8%	0.5-1.4%
	CH.1.1	0.8%	0.5-1.2%
	XBB.1.5.68	0.6%	0.4-1.0%
	XBB.1.5.59	0.4%	0.3-0.8%
	EU.1.1	0.2%	0.1-0.3%
	XBB.1.5.1	0.1%	0.1-0.1%
	BA.2.12.1	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	BA.2	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	FD.2	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BA.5	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BQ.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BQ.1.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*	0.1%	0.0-0.1%

\* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one 2-week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all 2-week periods displayed.

# BA.1, BA.3 and their sublineages (except BA.1.1 and its sublineages) are aggregated with B.1.1.529. Except BA.2.12.1, BA.2.75, XBB and their sublineages, BA.2 sublineages are aggregated with BA.2. Except BA.2.75.2, CH.1.1 and BN.1, BA.2.75 sublineages are aggregated with BA.2.75. Except BA.4.6, sublineages of BA.4 are aggregated to BA.4. Except BF.7, BF.11, BA.5.2.6, BQ.1 and BQ.1.1, sublineages of BA.5 are aggregated to BA.5. Except the lineages shown and their sublineages, sublineages of XBB are aggregated to XBB. Except XBB.1.5.1, XBB.1.5.10, FD.2, EU.1.1, XBB.1.5.68 and XBB.1.5.70 sublineages of XBB.1.5 are aggregated to XBB.1.5. Except FL.1.5.1, sublineages of XBB.1.9.1 are aggregated to XBB.1.9.1. Except XBB.1.16.1, XBB.1.16.1 sublineages of XBB.1.16 are aggregated to XBB.1.16. Except FE.1.1, sublineages of XBB.1.18.1 are aggregated to XBB. For all the other lineages listed, their sublineages are aggregated to the listed parental lineages respectively. Previously, FL.1.5.1, GE.1, EG.6.1, FD.1.1, was aggregated to XBB.1.9.1, XBB.2.3.10, XBB.1.9.2, and XBB.1.5.15 respectively. Lineages BA.2.75.2, XBB, XBB.1.5, XBB.1.5.10, FD.2, XBB.1.9.1, XBB.1.9.2, XBB.1.16, XBB.1.16.1, XBB.2.3, BN.1, BA.4.6, BF.7, BF.11, BA.5.2, BQ.1.1, EU.1.1, XBB.1.5.68, FE.1.1, EG.5, XBB.1.5.72, FL.1.5.1, GE.1, EG.6.1, XBB.1.16.11, FD.1.1 and XBB.1.5.70 contain the spike substitution R346T.

# Common symptoms of Long COVID in Adults


- Dyspnea or increased respiratory effort
- Fatigue
- Post-exertional malaise\* and/or poor endurance
- Cognitive impairment or "brain fog"
- Cough
- Chest pain
- Headache
- Palpitations and tachycardia
- Arthralgia
- Myalgia
- Paresthesia
- Abdominal pain
- Diarrhea
- Insomnia and other sleep difficulties
- Fever
- Lightheadedness
- Impaired daily function and mobility
- Pain
- Rash (e.g., urticaria)
- Mood changes
- Anosmia or dysgeusia
- Menstrual cycle irregularities
- Erectile dysfunction

\* [Post-exertional malaise \(PEM\)](#) is the worsening of symptoms following even minor physical or mental exertion, with symptoms typically worsening 12 to 48 hours after activity and lasting for days or even weeks.

# COVID-19 vaccination schedules for most people and for people who are immunocompromised

COVID-19 Vaccine

Interim COVID-19 Immunization Schedule for Persons 6 Months of Age and Older



The following tables provide COVID-19 vaccination schedules based on age, health status, and product. For detailed guidance see [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) | CDC.

Table 1a. For Most People (those who are NOT moderately to severely immunocompromised)

Bivalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine <sup>1</sup> Monovalent Moderna vaccine is no longer recommended and should not be used.			
Vaccine type: mRNA			
Age	Vaccination History	Bivalent Vaccine Schedule <sup>1</sup>	Administer
6 months through 5 years <sup>5,6</sup>	Unvaccinated: 0 doses	2 doses. Administer: • Dose 1 now • Dose 2 at least 4–8 weeks <sup>8</sup> after Dose 1	0.25 mL/25 µg from the vial with a blue cap and gray label border
	1 dose of bivalent vaccine	1 dose. Administer: • Dose 2 at least 4–8 weeks <sup>8</sup> after Dose 1	
	At least 2 doses of bivalent vaccine	No dose	No dose
	Previously vaccinated with monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccine		
	1 dose of monovalent vaccine	1 dose. Administer: • Dose 2 at least 4–8 weeks <sup>8</sup> after Dose 1	0.25 mL/25 µg from the vial with a blue cap and gray label border.
	2 doses of monovalent vaccine	1 dose. Administer: • Dose 3 at least 8 weeks (2 months) after Dose 2	0.2 mL/10 µg from the vial with a dark pink cap and yellow label border
6 years and older	At least 1 dose of monovalent vaccine and 1 dose of bivalent vaccine	No dose	No dose
	Unvaccinated: 0 doses	1 dose now <sup>7</sup>	6 through 11 years: 0.25 mL/25 µg from the vial with a blue cap and gray label border 12 years and older: 0.50 mL/50 µg from the vial with a blue cap and gray label border
	1 or more doses of monovalent vaccine	1 dose. Administer: • Vaccine at least 8 weeks (2 months) after the previous dose <sup>8</sup>	
	At least 1 dose of bivalent vaccine	No dose <sup>7</sup>	No dose <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to CDC's [Interim Clinical Considerations](#) for specific guidance on children who turn from 5 to 6 years of age before completing the vaccination series with Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and interchangeability of vaccine products for all ages.

<sup>2</sup> Persons with a recent SARS-CoV-2 infection may consider delaying vaccination by 3 months from symptom onset or positive test (if infection was asymptomatic).

<sup>3</sup> CDC recommends bivalent vaccine doses from the same manufacturer for children 6 months through 5 years of age who are unvaccinated (no previous doses of COVID-19 vaccine) if more than 1 dose is recommended. In the following exceptional situations, a different age-appropriate COVID-19 vaccine may be administered when FDA authorization requires that a vaccine from the same manufacturer be used and a VAERS report is not required:

- Same vaccine not available
- Previous dose unknown
- Person would otherwise not complete the vaccination series
- Person starts but unable to complete a vaccination series with the same COVID-19 vaccine due to a contraindication

<sup>4</sup> Children ages 6 months through 4 years who received bivalent vaccines from different manufacturers for the first 2 doses of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series should follow a 3-dose schedule. A third dose of either mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech) should be administered at least 8 weeks after the second dose.

<sup>5</sup> An 8-week interval between the first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccines might be optimal for some people ages 6 months–4 years, especially for males ages 12–39 years, as it may reduce the small risk of myocarditis and pericarditis associated with these vaccines.

<sup>6</sup> Adults 65 years of age and older may receive 1 additional bivalent mRNA vaccine dose at least 4 months after the first dose of a bivalent mRNA vaccine.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Interim COVID-19 Immunization Schedule for Persons 6 Months of Age and Older




Table 1b. For Most People (those who are NOT moderately to severely immunocompromised)

Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine <sup>1</sup> Monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is no longer recommended and should not be used.			
Vaccine type: mRNA			
Age	Vaccination History	Bivalent Vaccine Schedule <sup>1</sup>	Administer
6 months through 4 years <sup>5,6</sup>	Unvaccinated: 0 doses	3 doses. Administer: • Dose 1 now • Dose 2 at least 3–8 weeks <sup>8</sup> after Dose 1 • Dose 3 at least 8 weeks (2 months) after Dose 2	
	1 dose of bivalent vaccine	2 doses. Administer: • Dose 2 at least 3–8 weeks <sup>8</sup> after Dose 1 • Dose 3 at least 8 weeks (2 months) after Dose 2	0.2 mL/3 µg from the vial with a maroon cap
	2 doses of bivalent vaccine	1 dose. Administer: • Dose 3 at least 8 weeks (2 months) after Dose 2	
	At least 3 doses of bivalent vaccine	No dose	No dose
	Previously vaccinated with monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccine		
	1 dose of monovalent vaccine	2 doses. Administer: • Dose 2 at least 3–8 weeks <sup>8</sup> after Dose 1 • Dose 3 at least 8 weeks (2 months) after Dose 2	
5 years and older <sup>1</sup>	2 doses of monovalent vaccine	1 dose. Administer: • Dose 3 at least 8 weeks (2 months) after Dose 2	0.2 mL/3 µg from the vial with a maroon cap
	3 doses of monovalent vaccine	1 dose. Administer: • Dose 4 at least 8 weeks (2 months) after Dose 3.	
	At least 2 doses of monovalent vaccine and 1 dose of bivalent vaccine	No dose	No dose.
	Unvaccinated: 0 doses	1 dose now <sup>7</sup>	5 through 11 years: 0.2 mL/10 µg from the vial with an orange cap 12 years and older: 0.3 mL/30 µg from the vial with a gray cap
5 years and older <sup>1</sup>	1 dose or more doses of monovalent vaccine <sup>5</sup>	1 dose. Administer: • Vaccine at least 8 weeks (2 months) after the previous dose <sup>8</sup>	
	At least 1 dose of bivalent vaccine	No dose <sup>7</sup>	No dose <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to CDC's [Interim Clinical Considerations](#) for specific guidance on children who turn from 4 to 5 years of age before completing the vaccination series with Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and interchangeability of vaccine products for all ages.

<sup>2</sup> Persons with a recent SARS-CoV-2 infection may consider delaying vaccination by 3 months from symptom onset or positive test (if infection was asymptomatic).

<sup>3</sup> CDC recommends bivalent vaccine doses from the same manufacturer for children 6 months through 5 years of age who are unvaccinated (no previous doses of COVID-19 vaccine) if more than 1 dose is recommended. In the following exceptional situations, a different age-appropriate COVID-19 vaccine may be administered when FDA authorization requires that a vaccine from the same manufacturer be used and a VAERS report is not required: Same vaccine not available; or previous dose unknown; or person would otherwise not complete the vaccination series; or person starts but unable to complete a vaccination series with the same COVID-19 vaccine due to a contraindication.

<sup>4</sup> Children ages 6 months through 4 years who received bivalent vaccines from different manufacturers for the first 2 doses of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series should follow a 3-dose schedule. A third dose of either mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech) should be administered at least 8 weeks after the second dose.

<sup>5</sup> An 8-week interval between the first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccines might be optimal for some people ages 6 months–4 years, especially for males ages 12–39 years, as it may reduce the small risk of myocarditis and pericarditis associated with these vaccines.

<sup>6</sup> Adults 65 years of age and older may receive 1 additional bivalent mRNA vaccine dose at least 4 months after the first dose of a bivalent mRNA vaccine.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html>

# Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines

- Everyone aged 6 years and older should get **1 updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine** to be considered up to date.
- People aged 65 years and older may get a 2nd dose of updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.
- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may get additional doses of updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.
- COVID-19 vaccine recommendations will be updated as needed.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

# Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

## Common respiratory virus

- mild, cold-like symptoms.
- Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious, especially for infants and older adults.
- Symptoms: upper respiratory tract infection which can include rhinorrhea, pharyngitis, cough, headache, fatigue, and fever.
- Disease usually lasts less than five days.

RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia (infection of the lungs) in children younger than 1 year of age in the United States.

Adults who get infected with RSV usually have mild or no symptoms.

- **Some adults, however, may have more severe infection, such as pneumonia.**

# RSV Transmission

RSV can spread when

- An infected person coughs or sneezes
- You get virus droplets from a cough or sneeze in your eyes, nose, or mouth
- You have direct contact with the virus, like kissing the face of a child with RSV
- You touch a surface that has the virus on it, like a doorknob, and then touch your face before washing your hands
- People infected with RSV are usually contagious for 3 to 8 days and may become contagious a day or two before they start showing signs of illness.
  - However, some infants, and people with weakened immune systems, can continue to spread the virus for as long as 4 weeks.

# Adults at higher risk of severe illness from RSV

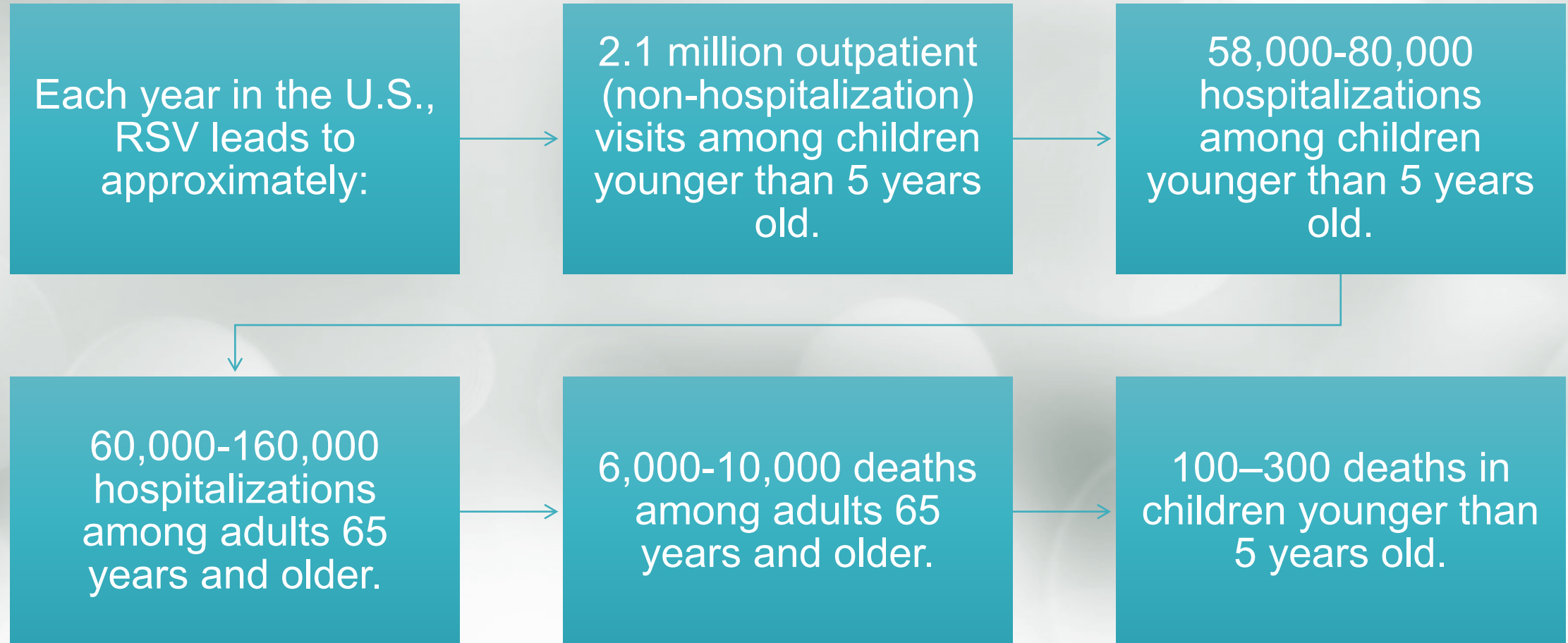
Adults at high risk for severe illness from RSV include

- Older adults, especially those 65 years and older
- Adults with chronic lung or heart disease
- Adults with weakened immune systems
- adults living in nursing homes or long-term care facilities.

RSV can sometimes also lead to exacerbation of serious conditions such as

- Asthma
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Congestive heart failure

# RSV burden estimates



# RSV Vaccines for Older Adults (1)

- First two (2) vaccines approved by the FDA in May 2023 for prevention of RSV lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) for use in adults aged  $\geq 60$  years.
  - RSVPreF3 (Arexvy, GSK) is a 1-dose (0.5 mL) adjuvanted (AS01<sub>E</sub>) recombinant stabilized prefusion F protein (preF) vaccine
  - RSVpreF (Abrysvo, Pfizer) is a 1-dose (0.5 mL) recombinant stabilized preF vaccine

# RSV Vaccines Older Adults (2)



Both vaccines recommended by ACIP in June 2023: adults aged  $\geq 60$  years may receive a single dose of an RSV vaccine, using shared clinical decision-making.



Optimally, vaccination should occur before the onset of the RSV season; however, typical RSV seasonality was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and has not returned to pre-pandemic patterns.

# RSV Vaccines for Older Adults: Vaccine Efficacy and Safety

- Vaccination with a single dose of the GSK or Pfizer RSV vaccines demonstrated moderate to high efficacy in preventing symptomatic RSV-associated LRTD over two consecutive RSV seasons among adults aged  $\geq 60$  years.
- Although trials were underpowered to estimate efficacy against RSV-associated hospitalization and death, prevention of LRTD, including medically attended LRTD, suggests that vaccination might prevent considerable morbidity from RSV disease among adults aged  $\geq 60$  years.
- Although both vaccines were generally well-tolerated with an acceptable safety profile, six cases of inflammatory neurologic events (including GBS, ADEM, and others) were reported after RSV vaccination in clinical trials. Whether these events occurred due to chance, or whether RSV vaccination increases the risk for inflammatory neurologic events is currently unknown.

# RSV Adult Vaccine

## Recommendations from ACIP

On June 21, 2023, ACIP recommended that adults aged  $\geq 60$  years may receive a single dose of RSV vaccine, using shared clinical decision-making.

RSV vaccination is currently approved and recommended for administration as a single dose. Currently, there is no recommendation for revaccination .

Optimally, vaccination should occur before the onset of the RSV season; however, typical RSV seasonality was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and has not returned to prepandemic patterns.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/wr/mm7229a4.htm>

# RSV Vaccine Administration



RSV vaccine may be coadministered with other adult vaccines at the same visit.



Administering RSV vaccine with one or more other vaccines at the same visit might increase local or systemic reactogenicity.



As with all vaccines, RSV vaccination should be delayed for persons experiencing moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever (precaution).



RSV vaccines are contraindicated for and should not be administered to persons with a history of severe allergic reaction, such as anaphylaxis, to any component of the vaccine.

# Critical Elements

# Strategies to Avoid Missed Opportunities\*

- Provider Prompts
  - Automatic pop-up alerts through your EHR system
  - These can sometimes be pre-installed and then customized in your office
- Family-friendly office hours
  - Occasional evening or Saturday hours
  - “No-appointment-required” if needing immunizations only
- Immunization Champion in your practice
  - Manage vaccine supply and schedule periodic updates
  - Any member of the staff could fill this role
- Include all recommended vaccines at each visit
- Schedule periodic team meetings with all personnel to:
  - Improve patient flow
  - Improve quality of care
  - Discuss problems within the framework of the practice

# Recommended Healthcare Personnel Vaccinations

- Hepatitis B (exposure risk) check immunity
- Influenza (annual)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- Meningococcal (recommended for microbiologists who are routinely exposed to isolates of *N. meningitidis*).
- COVID-19 vaccine

## Are YOU up to date?

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## Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Recommendations<sup>1</sup>

### VACCINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN BRIEF

**Hepatitis B** – If previously unvaccinated, give a 2-dose (Heplisav-B) or 3-dose (Engerix-B or Recombivax HB) series. Give intramuscularly (IM). For HCP who perform tasks that may involve exposure to blood or body fluids, obtain anti-HBs serologic testing 1–2 months after dose #2 (for Heplisav-B) or dose #3 (for Engerix-B or Recombivax HB).

**Influenza** – Give 1 dose of influenza vaccine annually. Inactivated injectable vaccine is given IM. Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) is given intranasally.

**MMR** – For healthcare personnel (HCP) born in 1957 or later without serologic evidence of immunity or prior vaccination, give 2 doses of MMR, 4 weeks apart. For HCP born prior to 1957, see below. Give subcutaneously (Subcut).

**Varicella (chickenpox)** – For HCP who have no serologic proof of immunity, prior vaccination, or diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella or herpes zoster (shingles) by a healthcare provider, give 2 doses of varicella vaccine, 4 weeks apart. Give Subcut.

**Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis** – Give 1 dose of Tdap as soon as feasible to all HCP who have not received Tdap previously and to pregnant HCP with each pregnancy (see below). Give Td or Tdap boosters every 10 years thereafter. Give IM.

**Meningococcal** – Give both MenACWY and MenB to microbiologists who are routinely exposed to isolates of *Neisseria meningitidis*. As long as risk continues: boost with MenB after 1 year, then every 2–3 years thereafter; boost with MenACWY every 5 years. Give MenACWY and MenB IM.

*Hepatitis A, typhoid, and polio vaccines are not routinely recommended for HCP who may have on-the-job exposure to fecal material.*

### Hepatitis B

Unvaccinated healthcare personnel (HCP) and/or those who cannot document previous vaccination should receive either a 2-dose series of Heplisav-B at 0 and 1 month or a 3-dose series of either Engerix-B or Recombivax HB at 0, 1, and 6 months. HCP who perform tasks that may involve exposure to blood or body fluids should be tested for hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) 1–2 months after dose #2 of Heplisav-B or dose #3 of Engerix-B or Recombivax HB to document immunity.

- If anti-HBs is at least 10 mIU/mL (positive), the vaccinee is immune. No further serologic testing or vaccination is recommended.
- If anti-HBs is less than 10 mIU/mL (negative), the vaccinee is not protected from hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection, and should receive another 2-dose or 3-dose series of HepB vaccine on the routine schedule, followed by anti-HBs testing 1–2 months later. A vaccinee whose anti-HBs remains less than 10 mIU/mL after 2 complete series is considered a “non-responder.”

**For non-responders:** HCP who are non-responders should be considered susceptible to HBV and should be counseled regarding precautions to prevent HBV infection and the need to obtain HBIG prophylaxis for any known or probable parenteral exposure to hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)-positive blood or blood with unknown HBsAg status. It is also possible that non-responders are people who are HBsAg positive. HBsAg testing is recommended. HCP found

to be HBsAg positive should be counseled and medically evaluated.

**For HCP with documentation of a complete 2-dose (Heplisav-B) or 3-dose (Engerix-B or Recombivax HB) vaccine series but no documentation of anti-HBs of at least 10 mIU/mL (e.g., those vaccinated in childhood):** HCP who are at risk for occupational blood or body fluid exposure might undergo anti-HBs testing upon hire or matriculation. See references 2 and 3 for details.

### Influenza

All HCP, including physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, employees of nursing homes and chronic care facilities, students in these professions, and volunteers, should receive annual vaccination against influenza. Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) may be given only to non-pregnant healthy HCP age 49 years and younger. Inactivated injectable influenza vaccine (IIV) is preferred over LAIV for HCP who are in close contact with severely immunosuppressed patients (e.g., stem cell transplant recipients) when they require protective isolation.

### Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

HCP who work in medical facilities should be immune to measles, mumps, and rubella.

- HCP born in 1957 or later can be considered immune to measles, mumps, or rubella only if they have documentation of (a) laboratory confirmation of disease or immunity or (b) appropriate vaccination against measles, mumps, and rubella (i.e., 2 doses of live

measles and mumps vaccines given on or after the first birthday and separated by 28 days or more, and at least 1 dose of live rubella vaccine). HCP with 2 documented doses of MMR are not recommended to be serologically tested for immunity; but if they are tested and results are negative or equivocal for measles, mumps, and/or rubella, these HCP should be considered to have presumptive evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, and/or rubella and are not in need of additional MMR doses.

- Although birth before 1957 generally is considered acceptable evidence of measles, mumps, and rubella immunity, 2 doses of MMR vaccine should be considered for unvaccinated HCP born before 1957 who do not have laboratory evidence of disease or immunity to measles and/or mumps. One dose of MMR vaccine should be considered for HCP with no laboratory evidence of disease or immunity to rubella. For these same HCP who do not have evidence of immunity, 2 doses of MMR vaccine are recommended during an outbreak of measles or mumps and 1 dose during an outbreak of rubella.

### Varicella

It is recommended that all HCP be immune to varicella. Evidence of immunity in HCP includes documentation of 2 doses of varicella vaccine given at least 28 days apart, laboratory evidence of immunity, laboratory confirmation of disease, or diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella or herpes zoster (shingles) by a healthcare provider.

### Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Td/Tdap)

All HCPs who have not or are unsure if they have previously received a dose of Tdap should receive a dose of Tdap as soon as feasible, with regard to the interval since the previous dose of Td. Pregnant HCP should be revaccinated during each pregnancy. All HCPs should then receive Td or Tdap boosters every 10 years thereafter.

### Meningococcal

Vaccination with MenACWY and MenB is recommended for microbiologists who are routinely exposed to isolates of *N. meningitidis*. The two vaccines may be given concomitantly but at different anatomic sites, if feasible.

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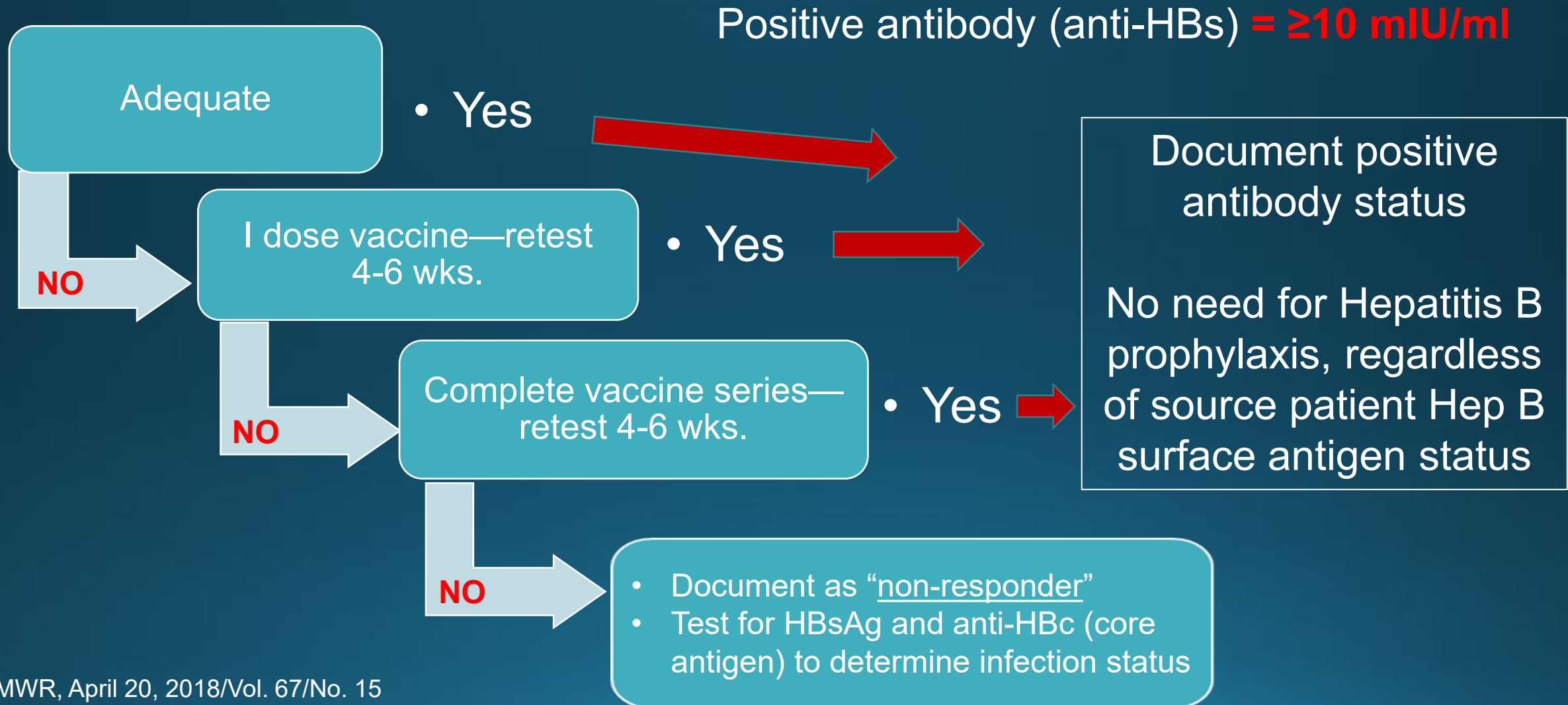
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# Hepatitis B Immunization Status for Previously Vaccinated HCP with No Post-vaccination Testing\*



# 2023 Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged ≥19 Years\*

- Recommended adult schedule by age group
- Recommended immunization schedule for adults aged 19 years or older by medical condition and other indications

## Changes

- Clarification of the charts
- Additional information in the Notes section

**READ THE FOOTNOTES TO ACCESS SPECIFIC VACCINE ADMINISTRATION DETAILS!**

**Table 1** Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule by Age Group, United States, 2021

Vaccine	19–26 years	27–49 years	50–64 years	≥65 years
Influenza inactivated (IIV) or Influenza recombinant (RIV4)	1 dose annually			
Influenza live, attenuated (LAIV4)	1 dose annually			
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap or Td)	1 dose Tdap each pregnancy; 1 dose Td/Tdap for wound management (see notes)			
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	1 dose Tdap, then Td or Tdap booster every 10 years			
Varicella (VAR)	1 or 2 doses depending on indication (if born in 1957 or later)			
Zoster recombinant (RZV)	2 doses (if born in 1980 or later)			
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	2 or 3 doses depending on age at initial vaccination or condition	27 through 45 years		
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)	1 dose			
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23)	1 or 2 doses depending on indication			
Hepatitis A (HepA)	2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine			
Hepatitis B (HepB)	2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine			
Meningococcal A, C, W, Y (MenACWY)	1 or 2 doses depending on indication, see notes for booster recommendations			
Meningococcal B (MenB)	2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine and indication, see notes for booster recommendations			
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	19 through 23 years	1 or 3 doses depending on indication		

  Recommended vaccination for adults who meet age requirement, lack documentation of vaccination, or lack evidence of past infection.
   Recommended vaccination for adults with an additional risk factor or another indication.
   Recommended vaccination based on shared clinical decision-making.
   No recommendation/Not applicable.

**Table 2** Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule by Medical Condition and Other Indications, United States, 2021

Vaccine	Pregnancy	Immunocompromised (including HIV infection)	HIV infection CD4 count <200 mm <sup>3</sup> or ≥200 mm <sup>3</sup>	Asplenia, complement deficiencies	End-stage renal disease or on hemodialysis	Heart or lung disease, alcoholism*	Chronic liver disease	Diabetes	Health care personnel†	Men who have sex with men
IIV or RIV4 or LAIV4										1 dose annually
Tdap or Td	1 dose Tdap each pregnancy									1 dose Tdap, then Td or Tdap booster every 10 years
MMR	Not Recommended <sup>1</sup>	Not Recommended <sup>1</sup>								1 or 2 doses depending on indication
VAR	Not Recommended <sup>1</sup>	Not Recommended <sup>1</sup>								2 doses
RZV										2 doses at age ≥50 years
HPV	Not Recommended <sup>1</sup>	3 doses through age 26 years	2 or 3 doses through age 26 years depending on age at initial vaccination or condition							
PCV13										1 dose
PPSV23										1, 2, or 3 doses depending on age and indication
HepA										2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine
HepB										2, 3, or 4 doses depending on vaccine or condition <60 years ≥60 years
MenACWY										1 or 2 doses depending on indication, see notes for booster recommendations
MenB	Precaution									2 or 3 doses depending on vaccine and indication, see notes for booster recommendations
Hib		3 doses HSCT recipients only								1 dose

  Recommended vaccination for adults who meet age requirement, lack documentation of vaccination, or lack evidence of past infection.
   Recommended vaccination for adults with an additional risk factor or another indication.
   Recommended vaccination based on shared clinical decision-making.
   Not recommended/contraindicated—vaccine should not be administered.
   No recommendation/Not applicable.

1. Precaution for LAIV4 does not apply to alcoholism. 2. See notes for influenza, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella and varicella vaccinations. 3. Hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

# Updated Vaccine Storage and Handling Recommendations\*

- Use stand-alone refrigerator and stand-alone freezer units. If combined, use only refrigerator part.
- Do not store any vaccine in a dormitory-style or bar-style combined refrigerator/freezer unit.
- Use a bio-safe glycol-encased probe or a similar temperature buffered probe
- Probes should be calibrated every 1-2 yrs. or according to manufacturers' guidelines
- Use digital data loggers.
- Do not store ANYTHING ELSE in refrigerator.
- Review vaccine expiration dates and rotate vaccine stock weekly.



# Maintaining Appropriate Vaccine Storage & Handling\*

- Assign a primary and alternate vaccine coordinator.
- Store all vaccines as recommended by manufacturer and IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING, WITH THE LID CLOSED.
- Monitor and record temperatures of refrigerator and freezer twice daily.
- Correct ranges: refrigerator 36° F to 46° F; freezer -58° F to +5° F
- Maintain temperature log records for 3 years.
- Take immediate action for all out-of-range temps.
- Implement a vaccine emergency system.
- If it is necessary to transport vaccine, do NOT use dry ice. See Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit, Section 6 for Transport System Recommendations.
- For COVID-19 vaccine, see specific vaccine guidelines.

# Vaccine Administration Best practices – Route, Dose, Site, Needle Size

## Administering Vaccines: Dose, Route, Site, and Needle Size

Vaccine	Dose	Route	Injection Site and Needle Size
<b>COVID-19</b> Pfizer-BioNTech • age 5 to <12 yrs: 0.2 mL pediatric formulation ("orange cap") • age ≥12 yrs: 0.3 mL adult/adolescent formulation for primary and booster doses Moderna; ≥18 yrs: 0.5 mL primary series*; 0.25 mL booster Janssen: ≥18 yrs: 0.5 mL for primary & booster doses		IM	<b>Subcutaneous (Subcut) injection</b> Use a 23–25 gauge needle. Choose the injection site that is appropriate to the person's age and body mass.
<b>Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP, DT, Tdap, Td)</b>	0.5 mL	IM	
<b>Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)</b>	0.5 mL	IM	
<b>Hepatitis A (HepA)</b>	≤18 yrs: 0.5 mL ≥19 yrs: 1.0 mL	IM	
<b>Hepatitis B (HepB)</b> <i>Persons 11–15 yrs may be given Recombivax HB (Merck) 1.0 mL adult formulation on a 2-dose schedule.</i>	Engerix-B; Recombivax HB ≤19 yrs: 0.5 mL ≥20 yrs: 1.0 mL Heplisav-B ≥18 yrs: 0.5 mL	IM	
<b>Human papillomavirus (HPV)</b>	0.5 mL	IM	
<b>Influenza, live attenuated (LAIV)</b>	0.2 mL (0.1 mL in each nostril)	Intra-nasal spray	
<b>Influenza, inactivated (IIV); for ages 6–35 months</b>	Afluria: 0.25 mL Fluzone: 0.25 or 0.5 mL Fluarix, Flucelvax, FluLaval: 0.5 mL	IM	
<b>Influenza, inactivated (IIV), ≥3 yrs; recombinant (RIV), ≥18 yrs; high-dose (HD-IIV) ≥65 yrs</b>	0.5 mL FluZone HD: 0.7 mL	IM	

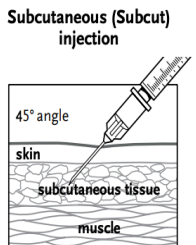
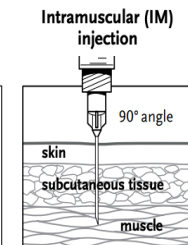
AGE	NEEDLE LENGTH	INJECTION SITE
Infants (1–12 mos)	5/8"	Fatty tissue over anterolateral thigh muscle
Children 12 mos or older, adolescents, and adults	5/8"	Fatty tissue over anterolateral thigh muscle or fatty tissue over triceps
<b>Intramuscular (IM) injection</b> Use a 22–25 gauge needle. Choose the injection site and needle length that is appropriate to the person's age and body mass.		
AGE	NEEDLE LENGTH	INJECTION SITE
Newborns (1st 28 days)	5/8" <sup>1</sup>	Anterolateral thigh muscle
Infants (1–12 mos)	1"	Anterolateral thigh muscle
Toddlers (1–2 years)	1–1¼"	Anterolateral thigh muscle <sup>2</sup>
	5/8–1" <sup>1</sup>	Deltoid muscle of arm
Children (3–10 years)	5/8–1" <sup>1</sup>	Deltoid muscle of arm <sup>2</sup>
	1–1¼"	Anterolateral thigh muscle
Adolescents and teens (11–18 years)	5/8–1" <sup>1</sup>	Deltoid muscle of arm <sup>2</sup>
	1–1½"	Anterolateral thigh muscle
Adults 19 years or older		

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	0.5 mL	Subcut	Female or male <130 lbs	5/8–1" <sup>1</sup>	Deltoid muscle of arm
Meningococcal serogroups A, C, W, Y (MenACWY)	0.5 mL	IM	Female or male 130–152 lbs	1"	Deltoid muscle of arm
Meningococcal serogroup B (MenB)	0.5 mL	IM	Female 153–200 lbs Male 153–260 lbs	1–1½"	Deltoid muscle of arm
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)	0.5 mL	IM	Female 200+ lbs Male 260+ lbs	1½"	Deltoid muscle of arm
Pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV)	0.5 mL	IM or Subcut	Female or male, any weight	1½"	Anterolateral thigh muscle
Polio, inactivated (IPV)	0.5 mL	IM or Subcut			
Rotavirus (RV)	Rotarix: 1.0 mL Rotateq: 2.0 mL	Oral			
Varicella (VAR)	0.5 mL	Subcut			
Zoster (Zos)	Shingrix: 0.5 <sup>†</sup> mL	IM			
<b>Combination Vaccines</b>					
DTaP-HepB-IPV (Pediarix) DTaP-IPV/Hib (Pentacel) DTaP-IPV (Kinrix; Quadracel) DTaP-IPV-Hib-HepB (Vaxelis)	0.5 mL	IM			
MMRV (ProQuad)	≤12 yrs: 0.5 mL	Subcut			
HepA-HepB (Twinrix)	≥18 yrs: 1.0 mL	IM			

\* If immunocompromised, Moderna 0.5 mL for 3-dose primary series, then 0.25 mL for booster dose.

<sup>†</sup> The Shingrix vial might contain more than 0.5 mL. Do not administer more than 0.5 mL.

**Intranasal (NAS) administration of Flumist (LAIV) vaccine**



<sup>1</sup> A 5/8" needle may be used in newborns, preterm infants, and patients weighing less than 130 lbs (<60 kg) for IM injection in the deltoid muscle only if the skin stretched tight, the subcutaneous tissue is not bunched, and the injection is made at a 90-degree angle to the skin.

<sup>2</sup> Preferred site

**NOTE:** Always refer to the package insert included with each biologic for complete vaccine administration information. CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for the particular vaccine should be reviewed as well. Access the ACIP recommendations at [www.immunize.org/acip](http://www.immunize.org/acip).

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# How to administer IM and SC vaccine injections

## How to Administer Intramuscular and Subcutaneous Vaccine Injections Administration by the Intramuscular (IM) Route

### Administer these vaccines via IM route

- Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP, Tdap)
- Diphtheria-tetanus (DT, Td)
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)
- Hepatitis A (HepA)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Inactivated influenza (IIV)
- Meningococcal serogroups A, C, W, Y (MenACWY)
- Meningococcal serogroup B (MenB)
- Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13)
- Zoster, recombinant (RZV)

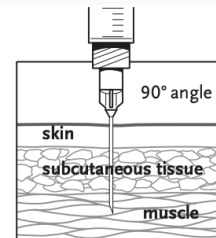
Administer inactivated polio (IPV) and pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23) vaccines either IM or subcutaneously (Subcut).

PATIENT AGE	INJECTION SITE	NEEDLE SIZE
Newborn (0–28 days)	Anterolateral thigh muscle	5/8" (22–25 gauge)
Infant (1–12 mos)	Anterolateral thigh muscle	1" (22–25 gauge)
Toddler (1–2 years)	Anterolateral thigh muscle	1–1¼" (22–25 gauge)
	Alternate site: Deltoid muscle of arm if muscle mass is adequate	5/8"–1" (22–25 gauge)
Children (3–10 years)	Deltoid muscle (upper arm)	5/8"–1" (22–25 gauge)
	Alternate site: Anterolateral thigh muscle	1–1¼" (22–25 gauge)
Children and adults (11 years and older)	Deltoid muscle (upper arm)	5/8"–1" (22–25 gauge)
	Alternate site: Anterolateral thigh muscle	1–1½" (22–25 gauge)

\* A 5/8" needle usually is adequate for neonates (first 28 days of life), preterm infants, and children ages 1 through 18 years if the skin is stretched flat between the thumb and forefinger and the needle is inserted at a 90° angle to the skin.

† A 5/8" needle may be used in patients weighing less than 130 lbs (<60 kg) for IM injection in the deltoid muscle only if the skin is stretched flat between the

thumb and forefinger and the needle is inserted at a 90° angle to the skin; a 1" needle is sufficient in patients weighing 130–152 lbs (60–70 kg); a 1–1¼" needle is recommended in women weighing 153–200 lbs (70–90 kg) and men weighing 153–260 lbs (70–118 kg); a 1½" needle is recommended in women weighing more than 200 lbs (91 kg) or men weighing more than 260 lbs (118 kg).



### Needle insertion

Use a needle long enough to reach deep into the muscle.

Insert needle at a 90° angle to the skin with a quick thrust.

(Before administering an injection of vaccine, it is not necessary to aspirate, i.e., to pull back on the syringe plunger after needle insertion.†)

Multiple injections given in the same extremity should be separated by a minimum of 1", if possible.

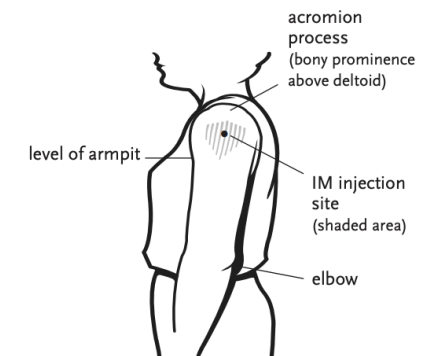
† CDC. "General Best Practices Guidelines for Immunization: Best Practices Guidance of the ACIP" at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/downloads/general-recs.pdf>

### Intramuscular (IM) injection site for infants and toddlers



Insert needle at a 90° angle into the anterolateral thigh muscle.

### Intramuscular (IM) injection site for children and adults



Give in the central and thickest portion of the deltoid muscle – above the level of the armpit and approximately 2–3 fingerbreadths (~2") below the acromion process. See the diagram. To avoid causing an injury, do not inject too high (near the acromion process) or too low.

# Training Tools: Skills Checklist for Vaccine Administration

## Skills Checklist for Vaccine Administration

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDC recommends additional infection control measures for vaccination (see [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html)).

The Skills Checklist is a self-assessment tool for healthcare staff who administer immunizations. To complete it, review the competency areas below and the clinical skills, techniques and procedures outlined for each area. Score yourself in the Self-Assessment column. If you check **Needs to Improve**, you indicate further study, practice, or change is needed. When you check **Meets or Exceeds**, you indicate you believe you are performing at the expected level of competence, or higher.

**Supervisors:** Use the Skills Checklist to clarify responsibilities and expectations for staff who administer vaccines. When you use it to assist with performance reviews, give staff the opportunity to score themselves in advance. Next, observe their performance as they

administer vaccines to several patients, and score in the Supervisor Review columns. If improvement is needed, meet with them to develop a Plan of Action (see bottom of page 3) to help them achieve the level of competence you expect; circle desired actions or write in others.

The video "Immunization Techniques: Best Practices with Infants, Children, and Adults" helps ensure that staff administer vaccines correctly. (View at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6Z6NEjffI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6Z6NEjffI) or order online at [www.immunize.org/dvd/](https://www.immunize.org/dvd/).) Another helpful resource is CDC's Vaccine Administration eLearn course, available at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/resource-library.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/resource-library.html).

COMPETENCY	CLINICAL SKILLS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES	Self-Assessment		Supervisor Review		
		NEEDS TO IMPROVE	MEETS OR EXCEEDS	NEEDS TO IMPROVE	MEETS OR EXCEEDS	PLAN OF ACTION
<b>A</b> Patient/Parent Education	1. Welcomes patient/family and establishes rapport.					
	2. Explains what vaccines will be given and which type(s) of injection(s) will be done.					
	3. Answers questions and accommodates language or literacy barriers and special needs of patient/parents to help make them feel comfortable and informed about the procedure.					
	4. Verifies patient/parents received Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) for indicated vaccines and has had time to read them and ask questions.					
	5. Screens for contraindications (if within employee's scope of work).					
	6. Reviews comfort measures and aftercare instructions with patient/parents, and invites questions.					
<b>B</b> Medical and Office Protocols	1. Identifies the location of the medical protocols (e.g., immunization protocol, emergency protocol, reporting adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting system [VAERS], reference material).					
	2. Identifies the location of epinephrine, its administration technique, and clinical situations where its use would be indicated.					
	3. Maintains up-to-date CPR certification.					
	4. Understands the need to report any needlestick injury and to maintain a sharps injury log.					
	5. Demonstrates knowledge of proper vaccine handling (e.g., maintains and monitors vaccine at recommended temperature and protects from light).					

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### Skills Checklist for Vaccine Administration (continued)

COMPETENCY	CLINICAL SKILLS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES	Self-Assessment		
		NEEDS TO IMPROVE	MEETS OR EXCEEDS	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
<b>C</b> Vaccine Preparation	1. Performs proper hand hygiene prior to preparing vaccine.			
	2. When removing vaccine from the refrigerator or freezer, looks at the storage unit's temperature to make sure it is in proper range.			
	3. Checks vial expiration date. Double-checks vial label and contents prior to drawing up.			
	4. Prepares and draws up vaccines in a designated clean medication area that is not adjacent to areas where potentially contaminated items are placed.			
	5. Selects the correct needle size for IM and Subcut based on patient age and/or weight, site, and recommended injection technique.			
	6. Maintains aseptic technique throughout, including cleaning the rubber septum (stopper) of the vial with alcohol prior to piercing it.			
	7. Prepares vaccine according to manufacturer instructions. Inverts vial and draws up correct dose of vaccine. Rechecks vial label.			
	8. Prepares a new sterile syringe and sterile needle for each injection. Checks the expiration date on the equipment (syringes and needles) if present.			
	9. Labels each filled syringe or uses labeled tray to keep them identified.			
<b>D</b> Administering Immunizations	1. Verifies identity of patient. Rechecks the provider's order or instructions against the vial and the prepared syringes.			
	2. Utilizes proper hand hygiene with every patient and, if it is office policy, puts on disposable gloves. (If using gloves, changes gloves for every patient.)			
	3. Demonstrates knowledge of the appropriate route for each vaccine.			
	4. Positions patient and/or restrains the child with parent's help.			
	5. Correctly identifies the injection site (e.g., deltoid, vastus lateralis, fatty tissue over triceps).			
	6. Locates anatomic landmarks specific for IM or Subcut injections.			
	7. Preps the site with an alcohol wipe, using a circular motion from the center to a 2" to 3" circle. Allows alcohol to dry.			

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### Skills Checklist for Vaccine Administration (continued)

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COMPETENCY	CLINICAL SKILLS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES	Self-Assessment		Supervisor Review		
		NEEDS TO IMPROVE	MEETS OR EXCEEDS	NEEDS TO IMPROVE	MEETS OR EXCEEDS	PLAN OF ACTION
<b>D</b> Administering Immunizations (continued)	8. Controls the limb with the non-dominant hand; holds the needle an inch from the skin and inserts it quickly at the appropriate angle (90° for IM or 45° for Subcut).					
	9. Injects vaccine using steady pressure; withdraws needle at angle of insertion.					
	10. Applies gentle pressure to injection site for several seconds (using, e.g., gauze pad, bandaid).					
	11. Uses strategies to reduce anxiety and pain associated with injections.					
	12. Properly disposes of needle and syringe in "sharps" container.					
<b>E</b> Records Procedures	13. Properly disposes of vaccine vials.					
	1. Fully documents each vaccination in patient chart: date, lot number, manufacturer, site, VIS date, name/initials.					
	2. If applicable, demonstrates ability to use state/local immunization registry or computer to call up patient record, assess what is due today, and update computerized immunization history.					
	3. Asks for and updates patient's vaccination record and reminds them to bring it to each visit.					

### Plan of Action

Circle desired next steps and write in the agreed deadline for completion, as well as date for the follow-up performance review.

- Watch video on immunization techniques and review CDC's Vaccine Administration eLearn, available at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/resource-library.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/resource-library.html).
- Review office protocols.
- Review manuals, textbooks, wall charts, or other guides (e.g., Key Vaccination Resources for Healthcare Professionals at [www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2005.pdf](https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2005.pdf))
- Review package inserts.
- Review vaccine storage and handling guidelines or video.
- Observe other staff with patients.
- Practice injections.
- Read Vaccine Information Statements.
- Be mentored by someone who has demonstrated appropriate immunization skills.
- Role play (with other staff) interactions with parents and patients, including age appropriate comfort measures.
- Attend a skills training or other appropriate courses/training.
- Attend healthcare customer satisfaction or cultural competency training.
- Renew CPR certification.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

File the Skills Checklist in the employee's personnel folder.

PLAN OF ACTION DEADLINE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF NEXT PERFORMANCE REVIEW \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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# Improper Immunization Administration Practices with Any Vaccine\*

DO NOT re-use needles or syringes, due to the possibility of:

- Transmission of blood-borne viruses (HCV, HBV, HIV)
- Referral of providers to licensing boards for disciplinary action
- Malpractice suits filed by patients

Never use partial doses from 2 or more vials to obtain a dose of vaccine.\*\*

Per OSHA and the CDC, you MAY use the same needle to withdraw a diluent, inject this into a lyophilized vaccine vial, and then administer to a patient, providing the needle or syringe has not otherwise been contaminated.\*\*

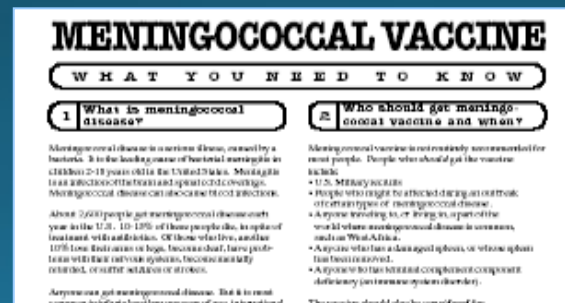
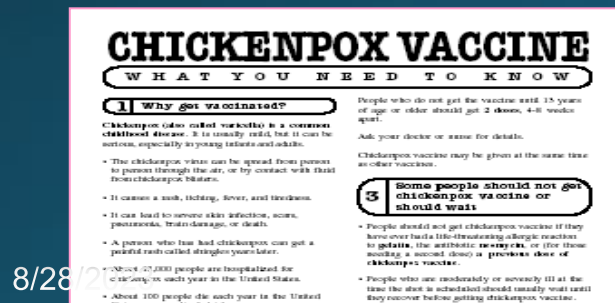
\*CDC, NCEZIZ, DHQP. Injection Safety Information for Providers: [www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/providers.html](http://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/providers.html)

\*\*<http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/administering-vaccines.asp>

\*\*Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit, January, 2020

# Always Document...

- Accept only written documentation of prior immunizations
- Provide VIS prior to administration of vaccine
- After vaccine administration, document:
  - ✓ Publication date of VIS & date VIS given
  - ✓ Date, site, route, antigen(s), manufacturer, lot #
  - ✓ Person administering vaccine, practice name and address
  - ✓ Vaccine refusals with a signed “Refusal to Vaccinate Form”—see Online Resources slide for link to this form
  - ✓ GA law does not require signed consent for immunizations



Refusal to Vaccinate	
Child's Name _____ Child's ID# _____	
Parent's/Guardian's Name _____	
My child's doctor/nurse, _____ has advised me that my child (named above) should receive the following vaccines:	
<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Declined</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis (DTaP or Tdap) vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria tetanus (DT or Td) vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal conjugate or polysaccharide vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Inactivated poliovirus (IPV) vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Measles mumps rubella (MMR) vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Influenza (flu) vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal conjugate or polysaccharide vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotavirus vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>That some vaccine-preventable diseases are common in other countries and that my unvaccinated child could easily get one of these diseases while traveling or from a traveler.</p> <p>If my child does not receive the vaccine(s) according to the medically accepted schedule, the consequences may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Contracting the illness the vaccine is designed to prevent (the outcomes of these illnesses may include one or more of the following: certain types of cancer, pneumonia, illness requiring hospitalization, death, brain damage, paralysis, meningitis, seizures, and deafness; other severe and permanent effects from these vaccine-preventable diseases are possible as well).</li><li>- Transmitting the disease to others (including those too young to be vaccinated or those with immune problems), possibly requiring my child to stay out of child care or school and requiring someone to miss work to stay home with my child during these outbreaks.</li></ul> <p>My child's doctor and the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention all strongly recommend that the vaccine(s) be given according to recommendations.</p> <p>Nevertheless, I have decided at this time to decline or defer the vaccine(s) recommended for my child, as indicated above, by checking the appropriate box under the column titled "Declined." I have signed this form as the parent or guardian of my child.</p>	

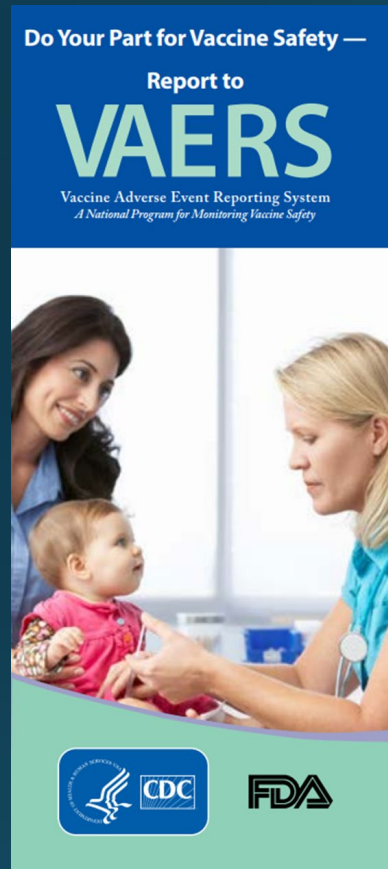


## A 'Birth to Death' Immunization Registry

- Providers administering vaccines in Georgia must provide appropriate information to GRITS.
- GRITS personnel can work with your EHR/EMR vendor to create an interface between your system and GRITS.
- Use GRITS to generate reminders on medical records and/or notify patients when vaccines are needed.
- Assess your immunization rates using GRITS to improve patient care, HEDIS scores, and identify problem areas.

Call the GRITS Training Coordinator (404) 463-0807 or e-mail : <https://dph.georgia.gov/georgia-immunization-registry-grits>

# Monitoring Vaccine Safety



- **VAERS—Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System**

- **Option 1 - Report Online to VAERS (Preferred)**

- Submit a VAERS report online. The report must be completed online and submitted in one sitting and cannot be saved and returned to at a later time. Your information will be erased if you are inactive for 20 minutes; you will receive a warning after 15 minutes.

- **Option 2 - Report using a Writable PDF Form**

- Download the Writable PDF Form to a computer. Complete the VAERS report offline if you do not have time to complete it all at once. Return to this page to upload the completed Writable PDF form by clicking here.

- If you need further assistance with reporting to VAERS, please email [info@VAERS.org](mailto:info@VAERS.org) or call 1-800-822-7967.**

- **FDA and Vaccine Data Link Safety Project**

- **VERP: VACCINE ERROR REPORTING SYSTEM**

- ✓ On line reporting at <http://verp.ismp.org/>
  - ✓ Report even if no adverse events associated with incident
  - ✓ Will help identify sources of errors to help develop prevention strategies

## Invalid Contraindications to Vaccine\*

- Mild illness or injury
- Antibiotic therapy
- Disease exposure or convalescence
- Pregnancy or immunosuppression in household
- Family history of an adverse event to a vaccine
- Breastfeeding
- Prematurity
- Allergies to products not in vaccine
- Need for TB skin testing
- Need for multiple vaccines

# Vaccine Risk Perception

Many patients are not familiar with vaccine-preventable diseases and perceive the risks of vaccines outweigh the benefits.

## Concerns

- Immune system overload
- Vaccines have side effects (adverse reactions)
- Immunity from the disease is better than immunity from a vaccine (ie. chicken pox)
- Vaccines cause autism

# Anti-Vaccine Movement

- Promotes the idea that there is less evidence of disease today and immunizations are no longer needed
- Sends confusing & conflicting information
- Uses stories, personal statements, and books to play on the emotional side of concerned parents

Encourage parents/patients to:

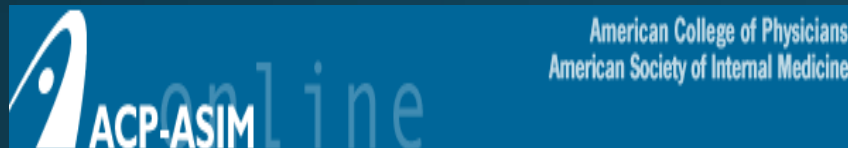
- Get the facts
- Consider the source
- Discuss their concerns with you



Global Vaccine Awareness League



# Resources for Factual & Responsible Vaccine Information



[www.vaccinesafetynet.org](http://www.vaccinesafetynet.org)



# Stay Current!



- Sign up for listserv sites which provide timely information pertinent to your practice  
[www.immunize.org/resources/emailnews.asp](http://www.immunize.org/resources/emailnews.asp)
  - AAP Newsletter
  - CDC immunization websites (32 in all)
  - CHOP Parents Pack Newsletter
  - IAC Express, Needle Tips and Vaccinate Adults
  - Websites specific to particular vaccines



**YOU ARE ALL PART OF THE TEAM THAT CAN  
MAKE SURE YOUR PATIENTS RECEIVE THE  
IMMUNIZATIONS THEY NEED!**

## Online Resources\*

Current Childhood and Adult Immunization Schedules –  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html)

Parent's Guide to Childhood Immunizations –  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/tools/parents-guide/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/tools/parents-guide/index.html)

Order Information for Free CDC Immunization Materials for Providers and Patients – [wwwn.cdc.gov/pubs/CDCInfoOnDemand.aspx](http://wwwn.cdc.gov/pubs/CDCInfoOnDemand.aspx)

Vaccine Labels to Organize a Storage Unit –  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/guide/vaccine-storage-labels.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/guide/vaccine-storage-labels.pdf)

Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) –  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html)

Refusal to Vaccinate Form –  
[https://www.aap.org/en-us/documents/immunization\\_refusaltovaccinate.pdf](https://www.aap.org/en-us/documents/immunization_refusaltovaccinate.pdf)

Standing Orders (Explanation and Templates) –  
[www.immunize.org/standing-orders/](http://www.immunize.org/standing-orders/)

Ask the Experts – [www.immunize.org/askexperts/](http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/)

General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization –  
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html>

# Questions?

## Contacts for more immunization information and resources!

### National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, CDC

E-mail           ▶ [NIPInfo@cdc.gov](mailto:NIPInfo@cdc.gov)

Hotline           800.CDC.INFO

Website           <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>

### Georgia Immunization Program

E-mail           [DPH-Immunization@dph.ga.gov](mailto:DPH-Immunization@dph.ga.gov)

Hotline           404-657-3158

Website           <http://dph.georgia.gov/immunization-section>

### Immunization Action Coalition

E-mail           [admin@immunize.org](mailto:admin@immunize.org)

Phone           651.647.9009

Website           [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org)

# ***Test Your Knowledge!***

## ***EPIC 2023***

# *Test Your Knowledge!*

Ben is a 25-year-old plumber. Three months ago he had a motorcycle wreck causing multiple fractures, lacerations, and a ruptured spleen. His spleen was removed. He received Td in the ER. He had chicken pox when he was 6 years old but has no idea if he ever had an MMR.

What vaccines do you recommend?

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*What vaccines do you recommend?\**

Tdap, MCV4, MenB, PCV15/20, PPSV23, MMR, and consider Hib

Influenza vaccine (in fall),

Stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines

HPV

\*Adult Immunization Schedule

\*\*Immunization Action Coalition, Ask the Experts- Needle Tips; September 2009

# *Test Your Knowledge!*

Paige is 24 years old. She has well controlled diabetes. She will be getting married in 3 months. Paige has received 2 doses of MMR and her last Td was 4 years ago. She denies ever having chicken pox but her 2 younger siblings had chicken pox.

**What vaccines are recommended now?**

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### **What vaccines are recommended now?\***

Tdap, PPSV23, PCV15/20 hepatitis B, HPV, varicella

Influenza vaccine (in fall) , Staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines

# ***Test Your Knowledge!***

Sam is a 32 year old carpenter. He punctured the palm of his hand with one of his tools at 6pm Friday. The injury caused minimal bleeding and he says it doesn't need stitches.

**Does he need tetanus toxoid tonight or can he wait until Monday when your office is open?**

# ***Test Your Knowledge!***

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**Does he need tetanus vaccine tonight or can he wait until Monday when your office is open?\***

The decision to delay a booster dose of tetanus toxoid following an injury should be based on the nature of the injury and likelihood that the injured person is susceptible to tetanus. If a tetanus booster is recommended he should receive Tdap if he has not received Tdap previously.

\*Updated Recommendations for Use of Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccine from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, 2010 MMWR / January 14, 2011 / Vol. 60 / No. 1

# ***Test Your Knowledge!***

A 45-year-old patient will be traveling to Haiti for a mission trip. She doesn't recall ever getting an MMR booster. She was immune to rubella when pregnant 20 years ago. Her measles titer is negative.

**Would you recommend an MMR booster?**

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**Would you recommend an MMR booster?\***

ACIP recommends 2 doses of MMR given at least 4 weeks apart for any adult born in 1957 or later who plans to travel internationally. There is no harm in giving MMR vaccine to a person who may already be immune to one or more of the vaccine viruses.

\*IAC Ask the Experts - Reviewed July 2014

# ***Test Your Knowledge!***

Lillian, a 50 year old grandmother, was given DTaP instead of Tdap.

**Does she need to receive one dose of Tdap?**

# ***Test Your Knowledge!***

Lillian, a 50 year old grandmother, was given DTaP instead of Tdap.

**Does she need to receive one dose of Tdap?\***

Lillian received the appropriate amount of tetanus toxoid and MORE diphtheria toxoid and pertussis antigen than is recommended. Count the dose as Tdap. The patient does not need a repeat dose of Tdap.

**Take measures to prevent this error in the future.**

\*IAC Ask the Experts - Reviewed July 2014

# *Test Your Knowledge!*

Morris is a 59 year old accountant. He is an alcoholic with chronic liver disease and smokes 1 pack of cigarettes per day. No other significant medical problems. His last tetanus booster was 12 years ago. He states he has never had measles or chicken pox.

**What vaccines does he need?**

Morris is a 59 year old accountant. He is an alcoholic with chronic liver disease and smokes 1 pack of cigarettes per day. No other significant medical problems. His last tetanus booster was 12 years ago. He states he has never had measles or chicken pox.

**What vaccines does he need?\***

Tdap, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, PCV15/PCV20, PPSV23 (alcoholic, liver disease and smoker) , Shingrix® since he was born before 1980 and therefore could be presumed to have had or developed immunity to chickenpox

MMR (if he has no documentation of MMR)

Influenza vaccine (in fall) , Stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines

# ***Test Your Knowledge!***

Hazel is 61 years old. She had major surgery one month ago requiring a blood transfusion. During her visit to your office today she tells you she would like to get the shingles vaccine.

**How would you respond to her request?**

# ***Test Your Knowledge!***

Hazel is 61 years old. She had major surgery one month ago requiring a blood transfusion. During her visit to your office today she tells you she would like to get the shingles vaccine.

**How would you respond to her request?\***

There is no waiting period for administering Shingrix following transfusion. Shingrix contains no live virus so may be given at any time after receipt of a blood product.

\*Immunization Action Coalition, Ask the Experts, September 2011

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No. All persons age 50 years or older---whether they have a history of chickenpox or shingles or not---should be given Shingrix™ vaccine unless they have a medical contraindication to the vaccine. It is also not necessary to test for varicella antibody prior to giving the vaccine.\*

[\\*https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6703a5.html](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6703a5.html)

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ACIP states that shingles vaccine may be given at the same visit along with other appropriate and recommended vaccines, such as pneumococcal and/or influenza.

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