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## **Endorsement of the Vaccination Schedules Recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)**

The Michigan Advisory Committee on Immunization (MACI) is an advisory board comprised of public and private sector organizations that make recommendations to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) on immunization programs and policies, including school communicable disease rules. MACI's mission is to reduce the cost and burden of vaccine-preventable diseases in the state of Michigan by advising MDCH regarding effective strategies on promoting and maximizing the safe and effective use of vaccines in Michigan.

The [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#) (ACIP) is comprised of 15 medical and public health experts that provide advice and guidance to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the most appropriate selection of vaccines. Each year the ACIP publishes recommended vaccination schedules for children, adolescents and adults.

**MACI strongly recommends that health care providers, individuals, and families follow the [ACIP-recommended vaccination schedules](#) and avoid “alternative” vaccination schedules which often delay vaccinations and leave individuals susceptible to serious diseases.** Below are some reasons for immunizing according to the ACIP-recommended immunization schedules.

WHEREAS, ACIP immunization schedules are tested for [safety](#) and efficacy while delayed immunization schedules are not;

WHEREAS, ACIP utilizes the [GRADE system](#) (Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluation) to make decisions based on sound science in a transparent, consistent, and systematic fashion;

WHEREAS, inadequately immunized children, adolescents, and adults are vulnerable to contracting vaccine-preventable diseases;

WHEREAS, vaccinated individuals protect those who can't be vaccinated;

WHEREAS, outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases pose a significant burden to health care institutions and families;

WHEREAS, the [Michigan Care Improvement Registry](#) is a tool for practicing health care professionals in assessing the immunization needs of their patients and communities;

WHEREAS, [communicating the importance](#) of following the ACIP-recommended schedules to parents and patients is critical in developing trust;

**NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Michigan Advisory Committee on Immunization recommend that health care personnel, along with the individuals and families they are serving, follow the ACIP-recommended vaccination schedules.**