



## Michigan follows childhood vaccine schedules from AAP and AAFP

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Dear colleagues,

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) remains steadfast in its [commitment](#) to vaccine safety, access and evidence-based public health practices. As such, MDHHS [has advised](#) families and practitioners to follow the child and adolescent immunization schedules produced by [the American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#) and [the American Academy of Family Physicians \(AAFP\)](#).

Recent changes to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) childhood vaccine schedule have raised questions, concerns and uncertainty among parents, providers and advocates. The federal vaccine schedule changes were **not** based on new clinical or scientific evidence. As a result, the U.S. is now an outlier among other developed nations in its approach to childhood vaccination.



We are hearing from community members around that state that inaccurate information about vaccines is spreading. As a result, we are seeing lower rates of vaccination and a resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases. We encourage you to **sign up** for the [Michigan Health Communications Initiative](#) you can see what public health topics are trending across Michigan. Materials can be downloaded and used in your clinics or other health care settings, or on social media, to inform patients.

**All vaccines**, including those now recommended in the updated CDC schedule under shared clinical decision-making, [remain covered](#) with no out-of-pocket costs, by Affordable Care Act-regulated private insurance plans and federal coverage programs such as Medicaid and the Vaccines for Children program.

If patients experience coverage denials or unexpected copays, encourage them to contact their health insurer directly. The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) is also prepared to assist consumers with questions or concerns about their health insurance. DIFS' call center is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 877-999-6442.

In Michigan, we support evidence-based medicine, and we will continue to follow immunization schedules that protect children from preventable diseases. We thank you for your continued partnership in this work.

Sincerely,

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### **What this means for Michigan providers**

Patients may come to you with questions about these changes. MDHHS encourages you to:

- Reassure patients and families that Michigan has not changed its immunization recommendations and continues to follow schedules produced by [AAP, AAFP and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#).
- Remind families that these vaccine schedules are based on decades of research, and that the overwhelming body of evidence clearly shows there is [no causal link](#) between vaccines and autism ([AAP](#) and [AAFP](#)).
- Listen to patients' concerns, address misinformation with compassion and direct patients to trusted resources.

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### **Resources**

- [MDHHS Division of Immunization.](#)
- [MDHHS Immunization Recommendations for Michigan.](#)
- [MDHHS Seasonal Respiratory Viruses Dashboard.](#)
- [MDHHS Measles Dashboard.](#)
- The Evidence Collective: [In Response: Routine Childhood Vaccination Schedule Change.](#)
- Common Health Coalition: [Vaccine Resources](#) and [Shared Clinical Decision-Making Guide on Vaccines for Clinicians.](#)
- Michigan Health Communications Initiative: [Sign up](#) for public health communications insights. [Review](#) social media content about vaccines.

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### **Michigan Health Communications Initiative (MCHI)**

The MCHI is a growing network of organizations and partners across the state of Michigan committed to providing timely, evidence-based health messaging that meets the evolving information needs of communities.

Educational materials provided through this initiative are created in response to trending health narratives and information gaps identified through analysis of community partner insights and publicly available media data such as social media, news, blogs and forums within the state. This work is part of a broader effort to standardize and scale health communications across Michigan.

To learn more, visit the [Michigan Health Communications Initiative.](#)