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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to inform you of the release earlier this week of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) [Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule: United States, 2026](#).

As announced by Secretary Seshamani on January 5, 2026, Maryland's vaccination schedule continues to follow the AAP for guidance for pediatric immunizations. Importantly, the AAP 2026 immunization schedule does not differ in terms of recommended vaccines from the AAP's 2025 schedule, although it does contain some clarifications in notes and tables and updated online resources.

The updated schedule continues to recommend routine immunization for protection against 18 diseases, including RSV, hepatitis A and B, rotavirus, influenza, and meningococcal disease, taking into account specific disease risks in the United States and the specifics of the US healthcare delivery system. This new 2026 AAP immunization schedule has been formally endorsed by 12 medical and healthcare organizations, including the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American Medical Association (AMA), American Pharmacists Association (APhA), Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS), Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), National Medical Association (NMA), Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS), Pediatric Pharmacy Association (PPA), and Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM).

Maryland clinicians should also be aware that respiratory viruses are still circulating widely, even though overall respiratory virus activity, notably influenza A H3N2 activity, has dropped recently. Importantly, influenza B activity has been increasing in Maryland, underscoring that it's not too late to get vaccinated with the season's flu vaccine, which contains an influenza A H3N2 component, and influenza A H1N1 component, and an influenza B Victoria component – even for individuals who have already had influenza A H3N2, since those individuals could still be susceptible to circulating influenza A H1 and influenza B Victoria strains. Please refer to the [Maryland Combined Respiratory Illness Dashboard](#) for more details.

We remain committed to ensuring widespread access to vaccines in Maryland and to following evidence-based immunization guidance.

For questions about the 2026 AAP Childhood and Adolescent Vaccine Schedule or the respiratory virus season, please contact MDH's Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau (IDEORB) at 410-767-6700.

Thank you,



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