



Health Advisory:

SFDPH Reaffirms Commitment to Evidence-Based Childhood Immunization Schedule

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Situational Update

SFDPH strongly supports the evidence-based childhood and adolescent immunization schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and endorsed by the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) and West Coast Health Alliance](#).

Despite federal changes on January 5, 2026 overhauling the U.S. childhood immunization schedule, California's recommended schedule remains unchanged, including immunization requirements for school and childcare entry. In September 2025, [California state law was updated](#) to ensure that our state's immunization policies continue to align with evidence-based standards and the recommendations of professional medical groups like the AAP.

Clinicians receiving questions from families about conflicting national messages can provide reassurance that vaccines remain recommended and covered by insurance in California and San Francisco.

Actions Requested of SF Clinicians

- As trusted providers, continue **recommending vaccines** included in the AAP Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.
 - Continue to **stock vaccines** in your clinic so that patients do not need to go elsewhere to receive vaccines.
- Proactively **address patient questions**
 - There are no new data to suggest that the AAP immunization schedule is unsafe or ineffective.
 - The infectious diseases that these vaccines protect against continue to circulate and pose a risk to health.
 - All vaccines recommended as of December 31, 2025 remain available and covered by public and private insurers in California including via the federal Vaccines For Children (VFC) program.
- **Contact SFDPH** with any questions and **report** any insurance or other barriers to your patients obtaining AAP-recommended vaccines (contact information below).

Resources

AAP: [Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#)

CDPH: [Public Health for All](#)

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