

# Vaccine Highlights

## Recommendations, schedules, and more

Editor's note: The information in *Vaccine Highlights* is current as of February 20, 2013.

### The next ACIP meetings

A committee of 15 national experts, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) advises CDC on the appropriate use of vaccines. ACIP meets three times a year in Atlanta; meetings are open to the public. Upcoming meetings will be held on June 19–20 and Oct. 23–24. For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip).

ACIP periodically issues public health recommendations on the use of vaccines. Clinicians who vaccinate should have a current set for reference. Published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*, ACIP recommendations are easily available. Here are sources:

- Download them from links on IAC's website: [www.immunize.org/acip](http://www.immunize.org/acip).
- Download them from CDC's website: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/acip-list.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/acip-list.htm).

### CDC vaccine news

On Jan. 28, CDC published "Recommended Immunization Schedules for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 years and Adults Aged 19 Years and Older — United States, 2013." The adult schedule is issued jointly by ACIP, AAFP, ACOG, ACP, and ACNM. The child and teen schedule is issued jointly by ACIP, AAP, and AAFP. For the adult schedule, go to [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html). For the child schedule, go to [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html).

### Pertussis vaccine news

On Dec. 6, CDC posted "ACIP Provisional Updated Recommendations on Use of Tdap Vaccine for Pregnant Women" on its website. The recommendations advise prenatal care providers to administer a dose of Tdap during each pregnancy irrespective of the patient's prior history of receiving Tdap. It is anticipated that CDC will release the final updated recommendations in the Feb. 22 issue of *MMWR*. To access the new recommendations, visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/ACIP-list.htm).

### MMR vaccine news

On Dec. 6, CDC posted "ACIP Provisional Recommendations: Prevention of Measles, Rubella, Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS), and Mumps" on its website. The provisional recommendations have new information regarding (1) the definition of evidence of immunity to measles, rubella, and mumps, (2) the use of immune globulin for measles

post-exposure prophylaxis, and (3) the use of MMR vaccine in people who are HIV-infected. Access provisional recommendations at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/provisional/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/provisional/default.htm).

### Influenza vaccine news

On Jan. 16, FDA issued a press release announcing it had approved the use of the first influenza vaccine produced using a novel manufacturing technology (Flublok, Protein Sciences Corp). To read the press release, go to [www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm335891.htm?source=govdelivery](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm335891.htm?source=govdelivery).

On Dec. 14, FDA approved a request by GlaxoSmithKline to supplement its biologics license application for Fluarix influenza virus vaccine to include a quadrivalent formulation for use in people age 3 years and older. To access the package insert, go to [www.fda.gov/downloads/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/UCM220624.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/downloads/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/UCM220624.pdf).

On Nov. 20, FDA issued a press release announcing that it had approved the use of the first influenza vaccine produced using cultured animal cells (Flucelvax; Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics GmbH). For the press release, go to [www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm328982.htm](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm328982.htm).

### CDC resource news

On Nov. 27, CDC posted its highly informative *Vaccine Storage & Handling Toolkit* on its website. It includes information on the following: (1) points to consider in selecting, maintaining, and using vaccine storage units and thermometers; (2) consistent maintenance of the cold chain; (3) routine storage and handling practices; (4) inventory management; and (5) emergency procedures for protecting vaccine inventories. The toolkit web page offers related resources such as training materials, slide sets, and other useful items. To access the toolkit web page, go to [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/storage/toolkit](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/storage/toolkit).

### Vaccine locator

HealthMap Vaccine Finder lets members of the public use their zip codes to find providers who administer any of the following 11 adult vaccines: (1) hepatitis A, (2) hepatitis B, (3) HPV, (4) influenza, (5) MMR, (6) meningococcal, (7) pneumococcal, (8) Td, (9) Tdap, (10) varicella, and (11) zoster. Access HealthMap Vaccine Finder at <http://vaccine.healthmap.org>.

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### New and updated VISs

The use of most Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) is mandated by federal law. Listed below are the dates of the most current VISs. Check your stock of VISs against this list. If you have outdated VISs, print current ones from IAC's website at [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis). You'll find VISs in more than 30 languages.

DTaP/DT/DTP.....	5/17/07	MMRV .....	5/21/10
Hepatitis A .....	10/25/11	PCV13 .....	4/16/10
Hepatitis B .....	2/2/12	PPSV .....	10/6/09
Hib .....	12/16/98	Polio .....	11/8/11
HPV (Cervarix).....	5/3/11	Rabies .....	10/6/09
HPV (Gardasil).....	2/22/12	Rotavirus.....	12/6/10
Influenza (LAIV).....	7/2/12	Shingles .....	10/6/09
Influenza (TIV).....	7/2/12	Td/Tdap .....	1/24/12
Japan. enceph.....	12/7/11	Typhoid .....	5/29/12
Meningococcal.....	10/14/11	Varicella .....	3/13/08
MMR .....	4/20/12	Yellow fever .....	3/30/11

Multi-vaccine VIS .....

11/16/12  
(for 6 vaccines given to infants/children:  
DTaP, IPV, Hib, HepB, PCV, RV)

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