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Statement on Executive Order on Childhood Vaccination Schedule, August 12, 2026

The Presidential Executive Order signed on August 10 encourages substantial changes to the childhood immunization schedule, state school immunization requirements, vaccine products, and longstanding best practices in immunization. The changes it directs are not based in sound science and would be harmful to children, families, and society if put into practice. Its mere existence creates confusion and concern. The good news is that it has **no** direct effect on vaccination practice, payment, or state requirements, so no changes to vaccination practices are necessary in response to it at this time.

For more than three decades, Immunize.org has supported healthcare professionals with clinical resources to facilitate the implementation of evidence-based immunization recommendations. Until recently, these recommendations have come from the CDC and its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Since mid-2025, changes to guidance from ACIP and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have, in some cases, deviated from established, evidence-based guidance. Immunize.org shares information on these changes, noting the lack of evidence (or evidence of potential harms). It is our role to help vaccination providers understand what HHS is recommending and how it affects them, even if we do not endorse it.

This year, respected major medical societies, including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) have taken on the responsibility of developing and updating vaccination recommendations and schedules based on sound science, with technical support and rigorous evaluation of the published scientific literature provided by the Vaccine Integrity Project (VIP) and the American Medical Association (AMA).

Immunize.org's resources have been known for their consistent alignment with the guidance of the respected career-service experts at CDC. Where published CDC guidance is still valid, Immunize.org will continue to use and reference it. However, when necessary, Immunize.org will base its work on scientifically sound recommendations of medical societies. In all cases, we will indicate the source of guidance clearly.

Immunize.org is committed to our role as a trustworthy source of sound, evidence-based support for vaccination providers in every state and setting.

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