

Title: OHA urges vaccine providers to follow AAP immunization schedule

Key points:

- On January 5, 2026, the CDC reduced the number of immunizations recommended for all U.S. children from 17 to 11.
- These changes were not based on new evidence and did not follow established procedure for vaccine policy recommendations.
- Vaccine providers should protect children by following the [American Academy of Pediatrics Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#) which is based on [established vaccine safety and effectiveness evidence](#).
- These changes are not expected to affect insurance coverage for immunizations during this plan year.

On Jan. 5, 2026, the acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) signed a [decision memorandum](#) to revise the Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule and significantly reduce the number of immunizations routinely recommended for all U.S. children. This decision did not follow established procedure for vaccine policy recommendations and threatens an increase in vaccine-preventable diseases in children in Oregon and nationwide.

The CDC moved six immunizations previously recommended for all children into new categories entitled 'Recommended for Certain High-Risk Groups or Populations' and 'Recommended Based on Shared Clinical Decision-Making'. RSV, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and meningococcal immunizations are now recommended for certain high-risk groups; rotavirus, COVID-19, influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and meningococcal immunizations are now recommended based on shared clinical decision-making. These changes are not based on new evidence and will create significant confusion for vaccine providers and families. Oregon Health Authority and the West Coast Health Alliance continue to endorse the [American Academy of Pediatrics Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#), which is based on [established vaccine safety and effectiveness evidence](#).

We do not expect these changes to affect insurance coverage for vaccines during this plan year. All child and adolescent immunizations recommended as of Dec. 31, 2025, will remain available and covered by public and private insurers, including [Oregon's Vaccines for Children Program](#).