

Vaccine Actions, Outbreaks, & ACIP



February 2025

- 20th** RFK Jr. postpones a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- The committee makes recommendations to the Director of the CDC regarding vaccines.

May

- 27th** RFK Jr. releases a video announcing that HHS will no longer recommend the COVID vaccine for healthy children or pregnant women.

July

- 23rd** RFK Jr. signs ACIP's recommendation to remove thimerosal from flu vaccines.

September

- 15th** ACIP announces the appointment of five new members.
- 17th** CDC releases their priorities, which includes discovering the causes of autism and researching vaccines.
- 18-19th** ACIP holds their September meeting.
- They failed to pass a call for prescription requirements and tabled a vote on the Hepatitis B vaccine votes.
- 19th** ACIP recommends that the vaccination for COVID-19 be determined by individual decision making. They say they cannot provide a blanket recommendation to receive the vaccine.

November

- 20th** CDC changes language on their website to include a statement that "Vaccines do not cause autism" is not an evidence-based claim."
- 28th** An internal memo from the FDA stated that there were 10 deaths of children due to the COVID vaccine. This claim was later rescinded. No data was shared.

January 2026

- 5th** Secretary Kennedy alters the vaccine schedule for children without recommendation by ACIP, dropping the number of recommendations from 17 to 11.
- 15th** CDC cancels a study on Hepatitis B vaccines in Guinea-Bissau due to ethical concerns about the study's protocol.

March

- 2nd** Measles outbreak is reported in Texas. Cases started in January.
- RFK Jr. publishes an op-ed stating that getting vaccines is an individual choice despite research supporting the measles vaccine.

June

- 9th** RFK Jr. fires all sitting members of the ACIP with the intention of replacing them with new members.
- 12th** RFK Jr. nominates eight new vaccine policy advisors to the ACIP. Most of the nominees have histories of spreading vaccine misinformation.
- 25-26th** CDC holds their June ACIP meeting.
- Vote on removal of thimerosal from flu vaccines.
 - Vote on RSV monoclonal antibody
- 25th** RFK Jr. announces that HHS will no longer contribute to GAVI, an organization that provides vaccines for children around the world.

August

- 1st** HHS announces that they are repealing a policy that rewarded hospitals who reported staff vaccination rates.
- 14th** HHS announces that they are reinstating the Task Force on Safer Childhood Vaccines for the first time since 1998.

October

- 6th** The CDC endorses the recommendations of ACIP.
- ACIP recommends that children get separate vaccines for chicken pox and measles, and mumps and rubella.
 - They remove the recommendation that adults over 65 receive the Covid vaccine and that adults under 65 talk with their doctor about if they should receive the vaccine.
 - They also call for separated MMR vaccines.
- 11th** Whooping cough outbreak begins, the worst outbreak in more than a decade.
- 22-23rd** HHS indefinitely postpones the October ACIP meeting scheduled for this date.

December

- 4-5th** ACIP holds their December meeting.
- 5th** ACIP votes to switch universal birth dose recommendation to only birth dose for hep B positive mothers and for hep B negative mothers to first dose at two months of age and under shared clinical decision making.
- 18th** HHS announces it will fund a study on the Hepatitis B Vaccine in Guinea-Bissau, raising ethical concerns.
- 20th** Secretary Kennedy planned to announce that HHS would adopt the vaccine schedule from Denmark, but the press conference is canceled at the last minute.