

AAP approves 2015 vaccine schedule for children, teens

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(HealthDay)—The 2015 recommended childhood and adolescence immunization schedules have been approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and other medical organizations, according to a policy statement published online Jan. 26 in *Pediatrics*.

Carrie L. Byington, M.D., from the AAP Committee on Infectious Diseases, and colleagues present the updated 2015 recommended childhood and adolescent immunization schedule.

The authors note that timely vaccinations are important for [children](#), and encourage parents to adhere to the schedule. The 2015 recommended schedule is similar to that of 2014 and contains minor changes, including new columns to stress the availability of inactivated influenza vaccine and live-attenuated vaccine starting at age 2 years, and the need for two

doses of [flu vaccine](#) for some children aged 2 through 8 years. To indicate when two doses are no longer required a second column was also added at age 9 through 10 years. For young children aged 6 months to less than 12 months travelling outside the United States who need the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine, a purple bar was added. In the catch-up schedules and footnotes, minor, clarifying word changes were made. Extensive revision was made to the meningococcal footnote to clarify appropriate dosing schedules for high-risk infants and children and for the use of different vaccines.

"The 2015 format is similar to last year and includes a single schedule for people birth through 18 years of age," the authors write.

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