

# CDC Vaccine Changes and Minnesota Immunization Requirements

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently reduced the number of vaccines recommended for children of all ages. You may receive questions from staff, parents, and/or guardians about how this change impacts Minnesota's school and child care immunization requirements.

## State authority

Each state, not the federal government, set immunization requirements for school and child care attendance. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is currently reviewing CDC's recommendation changes to determine any impact on Minnesota's school and child care requirements. The state of Minnesota's requirements can be found at [Minnesota Statutes 121A.15](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/121A.15) ([www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/121A.15](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/121A.15)) and [Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 4604](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4604/) ([www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4604/](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4604/)).

## Understanding different guidance sources

Immunization guidance comes from multiple sources. These sources include medical associations like the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). [MDH recently announced it will align its guidance with these trusted medical associations](https://www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2026/immuniz010826.html) ([www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2026/immuniz010826.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2026/immuniz010826.html)).

Guidance and recommendations are different from legal requirements. Not all recommended vaccines are required for school or child care attendance. Updates will be provided in future announcements as information becomes available.

## Questions?

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