

MnVFC Announcement

Date: June 5, 2025

To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: **COVID-19 Recommendations**

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

In recent days, there has been national discussion about COVID-19 vaccine recommendations. The Health and Human Services Secretary directed the CDC to update the child and adult immunization schedules, and the revised versions were posted on May 29. These changes are not based on new evidence or data and did not follow the usual process.

Changes to COVID-19 vaccine recommendations

- **Child and adolescent recommendations:** The child and adolescent immunization schedule now reflects shared clinical decision making (SCDM) for all children and adolescents aged 6 months through 17 years. It can be found at [CDC: Vaccines & Immunizations: Child Immunization Schedule Notes \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/child-adolescent-notes.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/child-adolescent-notes.html).
 - Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program: As of the time of this announcement, COVID-19 vaccine remains part of the MnVFC program. Please continue ordering vaccine to serve MnVFC-eligible patients.
 - Privately insured patients: Vaccines under SCDM have historically been covered by commercial insurance.
- **Adult recommendations:** COVID-19 vaccination is still recommended for all adults 18 years of age and older. For more information, visit [CDC: Vaccines & Immunizations: Adult Immunization Schedule by Medical Condition and Other Indication \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/adult-medical-condition.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/adult-medical-condition.html).
- **Recommendations for pregnancy:** Pregnancy is now shaded gray on the immunization schedules, indicating no specific recommendation. Pregnant women remain at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, and vaccination is safe, effective, and provides protection to infants under 6 months of age. Providers may still offer COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy based on the general recommendations described above.

About the new recommendations

COVID-19 vaccines remain a key tool for protecting against severe illness and death, especially among young children, people who are pregnant, and others at higher risk. Vaccination of health care workers also helps protect patients. Statements on this topic from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Infectious Diseases Society of America, and the American Academy of Pediatrics are linked below. Minnesota Department of Health is committed to supporting health care providers, community organizations, and local public health agencies in ensuring continued access to COVID-19 vaccination across the state.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) plans to meet June 25-27. We expect more information about these changes at that time and will keep you informed. Please reach out to health.vaccineSME@state.mn.us with questions or for clarification. Thank you for your continued partnership in protecting the health of Minnesotans.

- [ACOG: ACOG Statement on HHS Recommendations Regarding the COVID Vaccine During Pregnancy \(www.acog.org/news/news-releases/2025/05/acog-statement-on-hhs-recommendations-regarding-the-covid-vaccine-during-pregnancy\)](https://www.acog.org/news/news-releases/2025/05/acog-statement-on-hhs-recommendations-regarding-the-covid-vaccine-during-pregnancy).
- [IDSA: New COVID vaccine recommendations threaten access, undermine choice and will negatively impact health \(www.idsociety.org/news--publications-new/articles/2025/new-covid-vaccine-recommendations-threaten-access-undermine-choice-and-will-negatively-impact-health/\)](https://www.idsociety.org/news--publications-new/articles/2025/new-covid-vaccine-recommendations-threaten-access-undermine-choice-and-will-negatively-impact-health/).

- [AAP: AAP News: Removal of COVID vaccines from immunization schedules for healthy children, pregnant people disregards process, increases risk \(https://publications.aap.org/aapnews/news/32325/AAP-Removal-of-COVID-vaccines-from-immunization?autologincheck=redirected\)](https://publications.aap.org/aapnews/news/32325/AAP-Removal-of-COVID-vaccines-from-immunization?autologincheck=redirected).

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