

MnVFC Announcement

Date: June 12, 2025

To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: **Update on ACIP Membership Changes and Implications for the VFC Program**

Please route to:

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

We are writing to inform you of a significant development involving the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the independent panel of experts that advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on vaccine policy. Of particular relevance, ACIP is responsible for determining which vaccines are recommended for inclusion in the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program.

ACIP's role is foundational to national and state immunization efforts. Its recommendations directly impact clinical guidance, insurance coverage policies, and public health programs like MnVFC. These recommendations are not only scientifically important—they are also legally and operationally essential to ensuring consistent vaccine access and standards across the country.

What happened:

On June 10, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr. dismissed all 17 members of ACIP and appointed 8 members of his choosing, a move that did not follow the standard transition or reappointment process. This unusual step has raised concerns across the medical and public health communities.

What this means for providers:

As the situation develops, we encourage you to:

- **Continue following the current immunization schedules:** Aside from the changes to [COVID-19 Recommendations \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/ma05jun25.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/ma05jun25.pdf) announced last week, no additional updates have been made. Until official updates are issued, continue to follow existing CDC and MnVFC guidance.
- **Be prepared to address trust issues:** The sudden dismissal of ACIP members, without clear public explanation, may raise questions or hesitancy among families. Your voice as a trusted health care provider is essential in reassuring patients and reinforcing the safety and importance of routine immunizations. Find answers to questions at [Reliable Sources of Immunization Information \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/imminfo.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/basics/imminfo.html).
- **Monitor for updates closely and share updates with your colleagues:** We will communicate any relevant developments, including changes that could affect MnVFC operations, as they become available.
- **Connect with your professional organizations:** Medical and public health organizations have issued statements expressing concern for this change. A few statements are linked below.

What comes next:

There is an upcoming ACIP meeting scheduled for June 25–27 which will be the first meeting for the new committee members. We are closely monitoring this situation for actions they may take and will inform you of any potential changes to MnVFC operations or immunization guidance that may arise.

Please be assured that we are actively assessing the potential impacts of this leadership change and are working to minimize disruptions to immunization services in Minnesota.

- [AAP: AAP Statement on Changes to Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/aap/2025/aap-statement-on-changes-to-advisory-committee-on-immunization-practices/\)](https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/aap/2025/aap-statement-on-changes-to-advisory-committee-on-immunization-practices/).
- [American Medical Association: AMA statement on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(www.ama-assn.org/press-center/ama-press-releases/ama-statement-advisory-committee-immunization-practices\)](https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/ama-press-releases/ama-statement-advisory-committee-immunization-practices/).
- [IDSA: Statement on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(www.idsociety.org/news--publications-new/articles/2025/statement-on-the-advisory-committee-on-immunization-practices/\)](https://www.idsociety.org/news--publications-new/articles/2025/statement-on-the-advisory-committee-on-immunization-practices/).

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