

Comments to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

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The <u>National Foundation for Infectious Diseases</u> (NFID) appreciates the opportunity to submit written comments for the June 25-27, 2025 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting.

NFID underscores the vital role that federal advisory committees play in informing public health decision-making. These committees—including those convened by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—provide expert, evidence-based guidance on a broad range of public health issues, including vaccines, infection control, and other critical interventions to prevent infectious diseases.

Federal advisory committees, including ACIP, are a cornerstone of the rigorous, transparent process that helps ensure public trust in vaccine recommendations. Their work supports timely responses to current and emerging threats, strengthens vaccine confidence, and guides policies that protect individuals and communities. Any disruptions to the work of these committees jeopardize public health as well as the transparency and credibility of science-based recommendations. NFID strongly supports the continued use of expert, evidence-based guidance to inform public health policy and protect the health of people across the US.

More than 20 NFID partner organizations representing national, state, and local professional societies and nonprofits issued statements¹ expressing concerns that the recent removal of all ACIP members erodes decades of established processes, discards the expertise of the medical and scientific community, and delays providing lifesaving vaccines to patients. NFID partners as well as multiple independent experts have urged that ACIP be reconstructed through an open and transparent process that includes diverse perspectives with the historical knowledge, scientific training, and clinical expertise required to equip healthcare professionals and the public to make appropriate choices about their health.

NFID remains committed to advancing the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases through education, collaboration, and advocacy. We strongly support the continued use of expert, evidence-based guidance to inform public health policy and protect the health of people across the US.

Sincerely,

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## Reference

1. Experts Sound Alarm after ACIP Members Removed. National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, June 10, 2025. <a href="https://www.nfid.org/experts-sound-alarm-after-acip-members-removed/">https://www.nfid.org/experts-sound-alarm-after-acip-members-removed/</a>