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Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Re: Docket No. CDC-2025-0024-0001, June 25-27, 2025 Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

To the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices:

The National Coalition for Infant Health, a network of more than 300 individual and organizational members advocating for the health and well-being of infants and their families, appreciates ACIP's continued dedication and leadership in providing clear, timely, and science-based immunization guidance that supports providers, protects families, and strengthens public confidence.

Commitment to Science-Based, Equitable Access Amid Committee Transition

In light of the recent replacement of all sitting ACIP members, **we urge the newly appointed Committee to prioritize scientific rigor, transparency, and continuity in its deliberations.** This transition presents an opportunity to affirm a strong commitment to the principles that have long guided immunization policy in the United States: protecting the most vulnerable, eliminating disparities, and upholding access to life-saving vaccines grounded in the best available evidence.

Families and providers need confidence that immunization recommendations are driven by sound science and free from undue influence or delay. As new vaccine-preventable threats emerge and preventive tools continue to evolve, access must remain front and center. Timely, evidence-based recommendations are critical not only for achieving public health goals but also for ensuring that every child — regardless of zip code, background, or income — has access to the protection they need.

We urge ACIP to move forward with renewed purpose, guided by the core mission of safeguarding public health through equitable access to effective immunizations.

Importance of Strong and Clear Messaging

The ACIP process is a cornerstone of the nation's immunization infrastructure. When the Committee issues strong and clear guidance, it not only promotes evidence-based practice but also reinforces public trust. As health professionals, advocates, and parents look to ACIP for direction, **we urge the Committee to continue delivering messages that are straightforward, consistent, and widely disseminated through trusted channels.**

As recent events demonstrate, the work of ACIP has never been more vital. The 2025 measles outbreak underscores the critical importance of strong vaccine confidence and high coverage rates across the lifespan.



— beginning in infancy. Measles, a vaccine-preventable disease that had been largely under control in the United States, reemerged in part due to misinformation and declining vaccine confidence. **In this environment, the Committee’s role in shaping strong, science-backed public health messaging is more critical than ever.** Your decisions not only guide providers but also send a signal to the broader public about the safety, efficacy, and importance of vaccines. Public trust depends on a decision-making process that is evidence-based, transparent, and consistent.

Need for High Infant Coverage Rates and Timely Access to Innovation

Just as public confidence hinges on clear communication, the success of immunization programs depends on achieving and maintaining high vaccination coverage rates — especially among our youngest and most vulnerable populations. High vaccination coverage rates (VCRs) in infancy form the foundation of a healthy population. Sustaining and improving VCRs in this age group is a vital public health goal that requires coordinated efforts across the health system — and strong, proactive recommendations from ACIP.

As new immunization products are approved by the FDA, it is essential that families and providers have timely access to these innovations. Ensuring a diversity of immunization options allows for patient choice and clinical flexibility, helping to ensure that preventive care can be tailored to each child’s needs and circumstances. When recommendations are delayed or unclear, this can create bottlenecks in access and uncertainty among providers and the public. Early and clear integration of new products into the immunization schedule is essential to achieving equitable and comprehensive coverage.

The ACIP’s work is essential to improving public health. We encourage the Committee to continue upholding the high standards that have made it a trusted voice in immunization policy. Your leadership is instrumental in ensuring that every infant, regardless of background or circumstance, has access to timely, effective protection from preventable disease.

Thank you for protecting and improving the health and safety of our nation’s infants and children. If we can provide further information, please contact us at susan@infanthealth.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "SHA", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Susan Hepworth
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