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TO: Health Care Providers, Local Health Departments, Schools, Pharmacies

FROM: New York State Department of Health

HEALTH ADVISORY:

Federal Executive Order Related to Childhood Vaccine Schedule

--No Change to New York State Recommendations or Requirements--

The New York State Department of Health is issuing the following response to the recent federal executive order concerning childhood vaccines. The Department remains committed to protecting the health of New York's children through evidence-based immunization recommendations.

- After reviewing the August 10th, 2026 federal executive order on childhood vaccine recommendations, the Department finds that the federal government presented no new science or safety data. There is no change in immunization requirements in New York State.
- The Department reaffirms its endorsement of the [2026 childhood and adolescent immunization schedules issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics](#). These schedules reflect the current scientific evidence on vaccine safety and effectiveness.
- The Department continues to recommend the combined measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine on the routine schedule for all children to prevent infection and outbreaks. No separate, single-component measles, mumps, or rubella vaccines are currently available, or FDA approved within the United States.
- Health care providers should continue to follow evidence-based immunization practices and recommend and administer vaccines in accordance with current New York State guidance and applicable laws and regulations, which are not changed by the federal executive order.
- Schools and day care programs must continue to follow all [existing New York State immunization requirements and policies](#). The federal executive order does not change New York State requirements for children attending school or day care.
- Parents and caregivers should continue to keep their children up to date with recommended immunizations and should speak with their child's health care provider about any questions or concerns.

The Department will continue to review federal actions and the scientific evidence regarding childhood immunizations and will issue additional guidance if changes affecting New Yorkers occur.