

NEW MEXICO HEALTH ALERT NETWORK (HAN) ADVISORY
New Mexico Department of Health Continues to Recommend All Childhood Vaccines

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Background:

On January 5, 2026, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced it was changing the recommendation for routine childhood vaccination against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rotavirus, influenza, COVID-19, meningococcal disease, and respiratory syncytial virus to only high-risk groups or populations, or to shared clinical decision-making. Additionally, the recommendation for HPV vaccine was reduced from two doses to one. The change to the CDC immunization schedule was made unilaterally, without presenting evidence of new safety or efficacy concerns. In alignment with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and other medical professional organizations, the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) continues to recommend these vaccines for all age-eligible children in New Mexico who do not have a medical contraindication. These vaccines will also continue to be covered by insurance without cost-sharing.

A 2024 [CDC analysis](#) estimated that from 1994-2023, routine childhood vaccinations prevented approximately 508 million cases of illness, 32 million hospitalizations, and 1,129,000 deaths, resulting in direct savings of \$540 billion and societal savings of \$2.7 trillion.

Key Points for Clinicians:

- NMDOH recommends that providers in NM continue to follow the [AAP Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#).
- All vaccinations are currently administered following a shared clinical decision between the healthcare provider and parent/guardian.
- New Mexico's childcare and school immunization requirements have not changed.
- All childhood vaccines recommended by AAP will continue to be covered by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program and health care insurers regulated by the State of New Mexico.
 - To locate the nearest VFC provider in New Mexico, call the NMDOH Helpline at 1-833-SWNURSE (1-833-796-8773), text NMDOH (66364), or visit [Vaccines for Children](#).

Additional Resources:

- [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
- [Vaccine Integrity Project](#)
- Zhou F, Jatlaoui TC, Leidner AJ, et al. Health and Economic Benefits of Routine Childhood Immunizations in the Era of the Vaccines for Children Program — United States, 1994–2023. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2024;73:682–685. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7331a2>.

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