

Immunization Updates

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met from June 26-28 and unanimously (11-0) approved the following recommendations*:

RSV Vaccines -

- Adults 75 years of age and older receive a single dose of RSV vaccine.
- Adults 60–74 years of age and older who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease receive a single dose of RSV vaccine. **

Influenza Vaccines -

- Routine annual influenza vaccination of all persons aged ≥ 6 months who do not have contraindications.
- High-dose inactivated (HD-IIV3) and adjuvanted inactivated (aIIV3) influenza vaccines as acceptable options for influenza vaccination of solid organ transplant recipients younger than 65 years.

COVID-19 Vaccines -

- 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines as authorized or approved by FDA in persons ≥ 6 months of age.

Pneumococcal Vaccines -

- PCV21 as an option for adults aged ≥ 19 years who currently have a recommendation to receive a dose of PCV.

DTaP-IPV-Hib-HepB Vaccines -

- Addition of DTaP-IPV-Hib-HepB (Vaxelis, Merck/Sanofi, MSP) as a preferred product option for vaccination of American Indian and Alaska Native infants

*Insurance coverage of these changes will become effective through the publication of an MMWR in the coming months.

**RSV is not an annual vaccine. Adults who have previously received a dose of an RSV vaccine are NOT recommended to receive another dose

Misinformation Corner

The posts of a Canadian doctor, William Makis, that link the tragic deaths of individuals to the COVID-19 vaccine have been gaining traction in Virginia. His posts claim the COVID-19 deaths have caused conditions like blood clots and cancer. These posts illustrates a theme that has become prevalent in online communities in the Commonwealth – that the COVID-19 vaccine causes terminal illness.

Nothing replaces an honest conversation with your patients and a strong recommendation from you. [Learn more about communication strategies that work here.](#)



Immunization Pearl

The Hep B vaccination is now universally recommended for adults 19-59 years of age. It is also recommended for adults aged 60 and older with certain risk factors (chronic liver disease, HIV infection, sexual exposure risk, injection drug use, personal or occupational risk for exposure to blood, persons on dialysis, Incarceration. travel in endemic countries) and is a shared-decision-making recommendation for persons with diabetes aged 60 and above.

Want to learn more?

- ACIP's Universal Adult HepB Vaccination Recommendation Update ([MMWR](#))
- CDC's Universal Adult HepB Screening Recommendation Update ([MMWR](#))
- HepB Foundation's [White Paper](#) on Integrating Screening and Vaccine Recs
- HepB Foundation's [Patient-Facing Educational Print-Out /Card](#)
- American Academy of Family Physicians Supplement on Hepatitis B Vaccination.
 - [Understanding the Updated Hepatitis B Vaccination Recommendations and Guidance](#)

Upcoming Events

Visit our table at the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians Summer Conference on July 19-20 in Williamsburg, VA.

About Us

ImmunizeVA was founded in 2020 as Virginia's statewide immunization coalition. Our projects support advocacy, outreach, communications and educational projects across the Commonwealth. [Learn more and become a member today!](#)

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