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Respiratory Season Immunization Recommendations for New York State and New York City, 2026-2027

Dear Colleague,

On September 2nd, the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Vaccine Integrity Project (VIP) released an evidence review for this year's fall vaccination recommendations for influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19 for all ages. Alongside the evidence review, the specialty medical associations updated their immunization recommendations for the 2026-2027 respiratory virus season based on the findings from the review.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC Health Department) fully endorse these recommendations for the prevention of influenza, RSV, and COVID-19:

- **Providers** can access the recommendations at www.spreadthefacts.org.
- **A concise summary handout** for patients and providers is available [here](#).

These recommendations are based on [systematic reviews of scientific evidence from nearly 300 studies](#), with vaccine effectiveness and safety data analyzed and categorized by age and risk group. The evidence review process was coordinated by AMA and VIP, and was used by the following medical associations in making recommendations for specific populations:

- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP): Children aged 0-18 years
- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP): Adults aged 19 years and older and healthcare personnel
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG): People who are pregnant
- Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA): People who are immunocompromised

AMA is hosting a webinar on the updated recommendations with VIP, AAP, AAFP, ACOG, and IDSA on September 23rd from 12:00 – 2:00 PM. Register [here](#).

Both the NYSDOH and the NYC Health Department continue to endorse the routine immunization schedules from [AAP](#) and [ACOG](#). **We are also extending our endorsement to the [routine immunization schedules from AAFP](#).**

We encourage you to offer all recommended immunizations at your practice. Clinical practices that are unable to offer immunizations onsite should strongly recommend the necessary immunizations to their patients and refer them elsewhere. Individuals in NYC can use the [NYC Health Map](#), which is updated throughout the season as sites receive vaccine, and individuals outside NYC can be directed to local pharmacies or their local health department to receive vaccines. Referring practices should follow up with their patients to confirm they received the recommended doses.

All vaccination providers should report all doses administered to those aged 18 years and younger to either the New York State Immunization Information System ([NYSIIS](#)) or the Citywide Immunization Registry ([CIR](#)) within 14 days. Doses administered to adults aged 19 years and older can be reported with consent.

Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting the health of our communities.

Sincerely,

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New York State Health Commissioner

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