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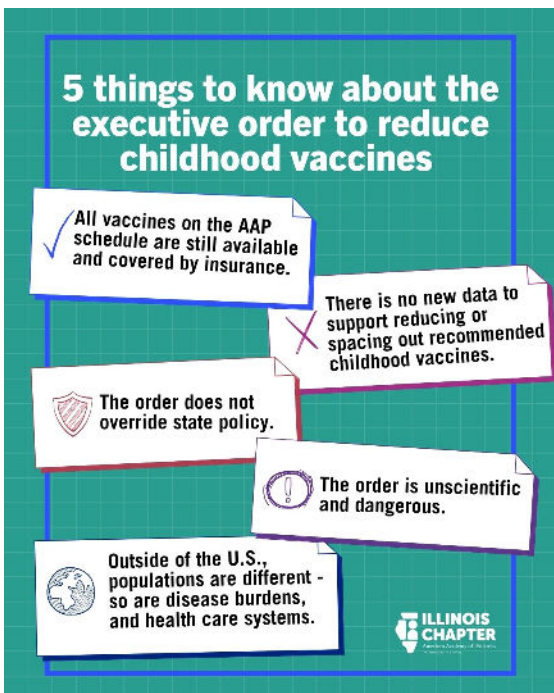


Executive Order on Childhood Vaccines

On August 10, President Donald J. Trump issued [an executive order](#) on childhood vaccine recommendations. It calls for fewer vaccines for all children, separating the MMR vaccine, administering vaccines at separate appointments, and more. The AAP [responded](#) to the order, noting that “there is no new evidence to justify significant changes to childhood immunization guidance” and that the order is “unscientific and dangerous.”

The [American College of Physicians](#), the [Infectious Diseases Society of America](#), and others have also published statements of concern over the order. Additionally, the Chicago Department of Public Health issued a public statement on its [social media](#), and the Illinois Department of Public Health also reaffirmed its [support for the AAP schedule](#).

The order has no impact on Illinois’ school vaccine requirements or the vaccines provided through the VFC programs in our state. This [HealthyChildren.org article](#) on the AAP vaccine schedule has been updated to share with families.



Safety and Efficacy of mRNA Vaccines

A [recent Lancet review](#) evaluated the safety and efficacy of mRNA vaccines. The study reaffirmed that mRNA vaccines are safe and highly effective. Researchers found that serious adverse reactions associated with COVID-19 mRNA vaccines are very rare, and effectiveness against serious illness outweighs the risk of adverse effects. Despite the high safety of mRNA vaccines, public acceptance has been negatively impacted by misinformation and the increased politicization of vaccination, creating growing barriers to broader adoption despite the scientific evidence supporting their implementation.

mRNA news: [Moderna Received U.S. FDA Approval for Influenza Vaccine mFLUSIVA](#) for adults age 50 or older.



2026-27 Flu Vaccine Recommendations

- The AAP has released its [2026-2027 flu vaccine recommendations](#). The guidance updates to vaccines and treatments, but remains the same as previous years. **All children 6 months and older without medical contraindications should be vaccinated with any licensed flu vaccine appropriate for their age and health status.**
- A recent [case-cohort analysis published in the AAP's Pediatrics](#) reaffirmed the effectiveness of seasonal influenza vaccination in preventing severe complications and influenza-associated pediatric deaths.



More on Respiratory Virus Season

[Respiratory virus season](#) is right around the corner. The AAP encourages clinicians to start preparing for increases in RSV, flu, and COVID-19 by reviewing standing orders, restocking vaccine inventory, ensuring you and your staff are up to date on recommendations. Plan for [reminder/recall strategies](#) to help encourage patients to get protected, including identifying which patients will be under 8 months of age on October 1 for RSV immunizations.

National Immunization Awareness Month

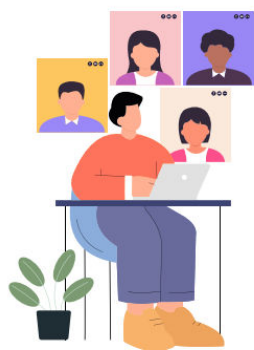
August is National Immunization Awareness Month! ICAAP’s [Patient Outreach Resources](#) webpage is dedicated to helping you promote vaccines all year round with free, downloadable social media graphics.



Resources & Other Materials

- Immunization Fact Sheets from the AAP, designed to help clinicians facilitate immunization conversations. So far, one on influenza vaccines is available [here](#).
- [Questions about vaccines for patients with chronic gastrointestinal disorders](#) from the AAP.
- Learn about the [Routine Vaccine Implementation Process and How to Improve Readiness for New or Updated Vaccine Recommendations](#) with the Association of Immunization Managers.
- [Prevent Errors in Vaccine Administration](#) with Immunize.org.
- Register for a new course with the American Medical Association: [Pediatric Vaccines: Preventing Disease and Misinformation](#).
- Help build cultural awareness to bridge gaps in underserved populations with the American Pharmacists Association [Pharmacists' Cultural Awareness Toolkits](#).

Upcoming Webinars:



September 9: Preparing for Respiratory Virus Season: 2026/2027

October 14: Using Vaccines to Prepare for and Respond to Outbreaks

Register at [illinoisAAP.org/events](#).

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