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Dear Colleague:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released the 2017 Recommended Immunization Schedules. These schedules and footnotes, which are meant to be used together, are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html> and are attached here.

A summary of changes to the 2017 schedules is available on the CDC website, at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html#chgs> and <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html#chgs> (on each website, scroll down to the third paragraph). Please note the following key changes:

For both the children/adolescents and adult schedules:

The new 2-dose human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine schedule is recommended for adolescents who start the series before their 15th birthday (see our January 17, 2017 letter, at <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/hpv-2-dose-schedule.pdf>). Persons who initiated the series before age 15 and had five months between dose 1 and dose 2, regardless of their age at the second dose, are considered to have completed the series. Other changes include a routine recommendation for HIV-positive persons to receive MenACWY vaccine, and the use of MenB-FHbp (Trumenba® [Pfizer]) in a 2-dose series for healthy 16-23 year-olds to provide short-term protection against serogroup B meningococcal disease.

For children and adolescents:

Hepatitis B vaccine should be routinely administered within 24 hours of birth. There is a new figure in the schedule that highlights recommendations for persons with certain medical indications. There has also been some reformatting, such as the addition of a 16-year-old age column to emphasize the need for a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) booster at that age, as well as the addition of a blue bar to indicate that HPV vaccine may be administered to 9-10 year-olds.

For adults:

The influenza vaccine footnote indicates that adults with egg allergies who have only hives after exposure to eggs may receive any age-appropriate inactivated influenza vaccine without additional precautions; for adults with a history of egg allergy other than hives, age-appropriate inactivated influenza vaccine should be administered in a medical setting and supervised by a health care provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic conditions.

Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are considered the standard of immunization practice in the United States, even if not included in the package insert. Vaccines should always be administered in accordance with current CDC and ACIP recommendations.

For questions on the new immunization schedules, or any other vaccine-related issue, please contact (347) 396-2400 or email nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov. Thank you for keeping New York City children safe from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

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