



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
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Commissioner

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Dear Colleague:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released the 2013 Recommended Immunization Schedules:

- Birth through 18 years of age
- 'Catch-up' (for persons 4 months through 18 years of age who start late or are more than 1 month behind)
- Adults aged 19 years and older

These schedules are available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html

The schedules for persons 0 through 18 years of age and for adults and their respective footnotes are meant to be used together. A summary of changes since the last release is available on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html and www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html. Of note, the immunization schedules for children and teens have been combined and are now presented as one document. The footnotes and contraindication tables have been clarified and updated. Recent recommendations about MMR vaccine, Hepatitis A, Tdap, pneumococcal conjugate (PCV13), pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23), and influenza vaccines have been added. Links are also provided to the detailed Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices vaccine recommendations.

For questions about these recommendations, vaccine supply, the Vaccines for Children program, the Citywide Immunization Registry or to report problems with insurance reimbursement, please e-mail us at nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov or call 347-396-2400. Thank you for your efforts in protecting New Yorkers from vaccine preventable diseases.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jane R. Zucker'.

Jane R. Zucker, MD, MSc
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