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Dear Colleague:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released the 2015 Recommended Immunization Schedules:

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

These schedules are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.

The schedules for persons 0 through 18 years 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 <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html#chgs> and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html#chgs>

Please note the following:

**For children and adolescents:**

There are no major changes in this year’s schedules; the changes include only small changes to the bars on the schedule charts, language clarifications in the catch-up and footnotes, and other miscellaneous changes to the footnotes, such as the statement that the fourth DTaP need not be repeated if it was administered at least four months after the third dose, and an expansion of contraindications to live, attenuated influenza vaccine.

**For adults:**

The major change is the addition of PCV13 to this year’s recommended schedule for adults aged 65 years or older. Footnotes for pneumococcal and influenza have been revised. Table 1, showing contraindications and precautions has been revised to update the section on LAIV.

Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are considered the standard of immunization practice even if not included in the package insert. Vaccine should be administered in accordance with these new recommendations.

For questions related to vaccine supply, the Vaccines for Children program, or the Citywide Immunization Registry, please e-mail us at [nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov](mailto:nycimmunize@health.nyc.gov) or call 347-396-2400. Thank you for your efforts in protecting New Yorkers from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Sincerely,

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