



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Recent ACIP HPV 2-dose Vaccine Recommendation

Dear VFC Provider,

During its October 19, 2016 meeting, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend that adolescents 11 to 12 years old receive two doses of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, with the second dose administered 6 to 12 months after the first dose, rather than the previously-recommended three doses. This recommendation makes it easier for parents to protect their children against cancers caused by HPV infections by reducing the number of shots and trips to the doctor.

Those who start the series at ages 15 through 26 years are still recommended to receive three doses of HPV vaccine.

According to the 2015 National Immunization Survey for Teens, California coverage rates for three doses of HPV vaccine were significantly lower than for one or two doses.

Percentage of 13-17 year olds in California receiving doses of HPV vaccine, 2015			
	≥1 HPV	≥2 HPV	≥3 HPV
Females	67%	60%	48%
Males	59%	42%	30%

We will send you a VFC letter with the official Program guidelines once this new recommendation is published as a VFC Program Resolution and MMWR publication. In the meantime CDC and the California VFC Program are updating websites, California Immunization Registry recommendations, and resources to reflect the new recommendation.

Highlights of the recommendation:

- Routine HPV vaccination continues to be recommended at age 11-12 years, but may be given starting at 9 years of age.
- Use a 2-dose HPV schedule (0, 6-12 months) for adolescents starting the HPV series at **9-14 years of age**.
 - The minimum interval for the two-dose schedule is 5 months.
- Adolescents aged 9 through 14 years who have already received two doses of HPV vaccine less than 5 months apart, will require a third dose.
- Continue to use the 3-dose schedule (0, 1-2, 6 months) for those who are
 - Starting the series at ages 15-26 years, or
 - Immunocompromised, regardless of age
- There is no maximum interval between doses. The first dose does not have to be repeated if given more than 12 months before the second dose.