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Dear Providers,

On May 29, 2025, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) modified its [child](#) and [adult](#) immunization schedules for COVID-19 vaccines. Currently, the Department is evaluating these changes and reviewing New York specific data, including the disease risk and the insurance landscape in this state. We anticipate issuing more guidance on this subject in the future and will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Information:

- [Shared Clinical Decision-Making](#) is now recommended for all children aged 6 months through 17 years, regardless of immunocompromised status.
- No changes to COVID-19 vaccination recommendations have been made for adults aged 18 years and older who are not pregnant.
- For pregnant individuals, the recommendation is now shaded gray, indicating no guidance or recommendation.

New York State Department of Health Information:

- Insurance coverage for COVID-19 vaccinations has not changed within Medicaid, the Essential Plan, or commercial health insurance.
- [Vaccines for Children](#) (VFC) Program-eligible patients can continue to receive COVID-19 vaccines at an enrolled provider.
- As always, continue to utilize evidence-based guidance to instruct your practice, including vaccination conversations with patients.
- Please continue to consult the Department of Health's webpage for official vaccine information, including on [COVID-19](#) vaccines.

Questions? Email immunize@health.ny.gov