



## **NDMA 2025 Policy Forum**

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### **Policy No. 4**

**Submitted By:** NDMA Council

**Subject:** Maintaining Vaccine Integrity

**Summary:**

A research-supported immunization schedule is of fundamental importance in preventing infectious disease outbreaks. By establishing a strategic timeline for vaccination, schedules ensure that both individuals and communities are protected by leveraging individual immunity and creating herd immunity. The precise timing of vaccines is crucial for maximizing their effectiveness at the most vulnerable stages of life.

**Relevant Information:**

NDMA recognizes the fundamental role of a research-supported immunization schedule in preventing infectious disease outbreaks and ensuring the health of individuals and communities.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), established in 1964 by the Surgeon General under the Public Health Services Act, has historically been highly successful, providing the evidence-based foundation for U.S. national immunization schedules and triggering widespread insurance coverage for recommended vaccines. However, recent structural and membership changes in 2025 have raised serious concerns

among medical and public health organizations about the committee's ability to maintain scientific integrity and independence, potentially undermining public trust in vaccines and affecting future immunization efforts.

On June 9, 2025, all committee members were discharged, and new members were appointed. The new members were selected for ACIP without transparency or proper vetting to ensure they have the necessary expertise to make vaccine recommendations that protect the health of Americans.

On July 31, 2025, liaison organizations were notified by ACIP that they would be excluded from the process of reviewing scientific evidence and informing vaccine recommendations. The groups include the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Physicians.

**Proposed Action:**

NDMA supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations made prior to May 1, 2025, as well as national medical specialty society recommendations on vaccines:

- NDMA supports the continuation of the rigorous scientific process that led to the development of a recommended immunization schedule for the nation and advice on future developments.
- NDMA recognizes the substantial body of scientific evidence that has demonstrated no link between vaccines and autism.
- NDMA supports the continued development, publication, dissemination, and funding to implement the recommended vaccines for children and adults.

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