



## **Statement from NHMA in Support of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Evidence-Based Immunization Guidelines**

The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) strongly supports the [American Academy of Pediatrics' \(AAP\) 2026 immunization schedule](#) and its continued commitment to science-driven guidance to protect the health of children across the United States.

For decades, the AAP has served as a trusted authority in pediatric care, grounding its recommendations in rigorous review of vaccine safety data, disease epidemiology and clinical outcomes. The AAP's updated immunization schedule reflects this longstanding process and maintains routine vaccine recommendations that are critical to preventing serious and life-threatening illnesses.

At a time when families and health care providers are facing increasing confusion due to shifting federal guidance, evidence-based recommendations are essential. Clear, consistent immunization guidance helps clinicians counsel families with confidence and ensures that children are not placed at greater risk due to uncertainty or misinformation.

NHMA is especially concerned about the public health implications of weakening routine immunization recommendations. Latino children already face barriers to care, including limited access to pediatric services, language barriers and disruptions in continuity of care. Any erosion of trusted vaccine guidance undermines decades of progress in disease prevention.

We join the AAP and the broader medical community in urging policymakers to respect the scientific process and uphold the integrity of established vaccine review systems.

Protecting children's health requires following the science. NHMA stands with pediatricians, family physicians and public health leaders in reaffirming the importance of evidence-based immunization schedules that families and providers can trust.