



## **NHMA Statement on Recent Federal Vaccine Policy Changes**

The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) is deeply concerned with recent federal changes to the U.S. childhood immunization schedule. [The announcement on January 5, 2026, reduces the number of recommended vaccines, from 17 to 11](#) routinely recommended for all children and shifts several historically universal protections into a “shared clinical decision-making” or limited high-risk recommendations.

NHMA reaffirms its longstanding commitment to evidence-based public health policy, grounded in rigorous scientific review and the broad consensus of pediatric and infectious disease experts. Vaccination has been one of the most effective tools in preventing illness and deaths across all communities. Any changes to long-standing immunization practices must be driven by transparent science, not politics.

While NHMA supports informed consent and shared decision-making between families and trusted healthcare providers, we are deeply troubled by this policy shift, which was implemented with limited input from independent scientific advisory processes that have traditionally guided U.S. immunization practice. We are also concerned about the potential for confusion among families and clinicians, particularly in Hispanic and other vulnerable communities that already face barriers to access and disproportionate burdens of vaccine-preventable disease.

We acknowledge that families should be empowered to make decisions in partnership with their healthcare providers. However, shifting long-established vaccine recommendations without strong scientific consensus and clear public health justification risks undermining decades of progress against diseases that disproportionately affect people of color and low-income communities.

NHMA urges federal health agencies to work collaboratively with the broader medical and scientific community to protect the health of all children and families. The health of our nation, particularly the health and well-being of Latino communities, depends on immunization policies that are transparent and grounded in the highest standards of science.