

New York State and New York City Endorse the 2026 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Maternal Immunization Schedule

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Dear Colleague,

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) released its 2026 Maternal Immunization Schedule on June 10th. **The New York State Department of Health and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC Health Department) endorse the 2026 ACOG Maternal Immunization Schedule for use in people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum and encourage providers to incorporate it into routine clinical practice.**

The schedule recommends routine immunization during pregnancy to protect pregnant people and infants against influenza and COVID-19, and to protect infants against pertussis and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It also includes recommendations for additional vaccines for pregnant people at increased risk of certain diseases (eg, pneumococcal pneumonia, meningococcal meningitis, hepatitis A and B), as well as for people who are breastfeeding or postpartum.

- **Providers** can access the schedule at <https://www.acog.org/clinical-information/maternal-immunization-schedule>.
- **Patients** can access the schedule at <https://www.acog.org/womens-health/infographics/maternal-immunization-schedule>.
- At this time, the vaccines recommended by ACOG continue to be covered by private health insurance plans, Medicaid, and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

The new schedule marks [the first time ACOG has formally issued an immunization schedule](#) that differs from federal vaccination recommendations. ACOG utilizes peer-reviewed, scientific data and evidence-based medicine to inform its recommendations and the schedule has been endorsed by 13 leading medical organizations.¹

We strongly encourage you to offer all the ACOG-recommended immunizations to pregnant people in your practice. Immunization during pregnancy is one of the most effective ways to protect both pregnant people and infants from serious illness. Clinical practices that are unable to offer immunizations at their offices should strongly recommend

¹ | Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA), American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), Association of Physician Associates in Obstetrics and Gynecology (APAOG), American Pharmacists Association (APhA), Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS), Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology (IDSOG), National Medical Association (NMA), National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH), and Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

the immunizations people need and refer individuals in NYC to vaccination locations using the [NYC Health Map](#), and individuals outside of NYC to local pharmacies and local health departments offering vaccination. The referring practice should follow up with their patients to confirm they received the recommended doses.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James V. McDonald".

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New York State Health Commissioner

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