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Statement from Wisconsin Health Care and Public Health Leaders on Childhood Immunization

Wisconsin's health care and public health community remains firmly committed to protecting the health of children and families through evidence-based vaccination practices.

We, the undersigned organizations, affirm that routine childhood immunization according to the schedule published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) continues to represent the standard of care in Wisconsin.

Childhood vaccination recommendations are most effective when they are grounded in rigorous, transparent review of scientific evidence; informed by disease epidemiology in the United States; and implemented in a way that promotes equitable access, clarity for clinicians, and confidence for families. The AAP childhood and adolescent immunization schedule reflects these principles and is widely relied upon by pediatricians, family physicians, nurses, and health systems across Wisconsin.

The childhood vaccine schedule has a long record of safety and effectiveness and has played a central role in preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death among children in our state. Maintaining clear, consistent guidance helps ensure that children receive protection at the ages when they are most vulnerable and supports clinicians in providing high-quality preventive care.

As partners in the mission to reduce disease from vaccine-preventable diseases, we commit to:

- Recommending routine childhood vaccines according to the AAP schedule;
- Engaging in open, respectful conversations with families about the benefits and risks of vaccination; and
- Supporting timely vaccination to protect individual children and the broader community.

Protecting children from preventable disease is a shared responsibility that depends on trust, clarity, and adherence to sound medical evidence. In Wisconsin, health care and public health leaders remain aligned in supporting vaccination practices that have proven safe, effective, and essential to child health.

We will continue to work together to ensure that families and clinicians have clear guidance and confidence in the care provided across our state.

Sincerely,

American College of Physicians - Wisconsin Chapter

Children's Wisconsin

Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin

Health Connections

Immunize Wisconsin

Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin

Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

ThedaCare

UW Health & UW School of Medicine and Public Health

Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians

Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards

Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Wisconsin Medical Society

Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association

Wisconsin Public Health Association