



Alliance for Women's  
Health & Prevention

**Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)  
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The Alliance for Women's Health and Prevention (AWHP) is a non-profit advocacy organization focused on advancing policies that support preventive health for all women and girls. Given the critical role of vaccines in preventing disease and allowing women and girls to live their healthiest lives, AWHP supports efforts that advance vaccine access and uptake.

First, AWHP is gravely concerned that the credibility of long-standing, evidence-based vaccine science is being challenged in ways that could influence current vaccine recommendations, especially for infants and children. Vaccines undergo rigorous pre-approval evaluation and are subject to continuous oversight through multiple U.S. safety monitoring systems. These systems consistently demonstrate the immeasurable benefits of protecting children against serious, life-threatening diseases. It is essential that we continue to center the decades of established science that has long been used to guide recommendations.

AWHP also strongly affirms the importance of the hepatitis B vaccine for infants. The safety of the hepatitis B vaccine for children is well-established and greatly reduces the risk of a life-long, chronic condition that can lead to liver disease, liver cancer, and even death. Since the birth dose of the hepatitis B vaccine was recommended in 1991, cases of the infection in children and teens have dropped by 99%. Hepatitis B vaccination at birth is critical for reducing the transmission of the virus and ensuring that all babies are protected from this extremely contagious infection that can lead to serious illness across the lifespan.

AWHP also supports the continued recommendation of combination vaccines. These vaccines reduce the number of shots required — and therefore the total cumulative exposure to vaccine ingredients while protecting against the same number of diseases. The practical benefits of these vaccines (including fewer vaccines, fewer provider visits, and strong protection against infectious diseases) are evident, and their safety is proven. We urge ACIP to continue prioritizing access to these vaccines.

High vaccine uptake is vital to protecting communities from serious and preventable health outcomes, underscoring the role of vaccination as a cornerstone of public health. Parents and families should have meaningful choices about their children's care, supported by clear guidance, strong evidence, and reliable access to vaccines. **AWHP urges ACIP to uphold a federal framework that prioritizes collaborative decision-making, reflects decades of established science, and recognizes the critical impact of childhood vaccination in the U.S.**