



Vaccine Administration

ACIP vaccine recommendations

VFC providers agree to comply with immunization schedules, dosages, and contraindications that are established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

ACIP Immunization Schedules

- [Child and Adolescent Recommended Immunization Schedule](#)
- [Adult Recommended Immunization Schedule](#)

Vaccine administration best practices

It can be easy to make a vaccine administration error. Make sure vaccinators know and adhere to the "7 Rights" of vaccine administration:

- The right patient
- The right time
- The right vaccine
- The right dosage
- The right route, needle, and technique
- The right injection site
- The right documentation

In addition to the "7 Rights," other important vaccine administration practices include:

- Never administer expired vaccines or diluent. Always check expiration dates for vaccines and diluent prior to preparation.
- Only use the diluent provided by the manufacturer for that vaccine.
- Do not pre-draw doses.

Vaccine administration errors

If a vaccine administration error occurs:

- Notify patient and/or family about the error.
- Report the error to VAERS.
- Revaccinate or follow-up as needed (depending on which vaccine is affected).
- Review internal practices to prevent future errors.
- Document doses as given in WIR. WIR may report the doses as invalid, but that is what the person received so that is what should be recorded in the record.

See the [Vaccine Administration Preventable Errors document for information on preventing vaccine administration errors.](#)

Vaccine administration resources

- [Vaccine Administration chapter in Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases \(Pink Book\)](#)
- [CDC e-Learn: Vaccine Administration](#)
- [CDC Administering Vaccines](#)
- [CDC General Best Practice Guidelines](#)
- [Giving All the Doses \(Under 12 months\)](#)
- [Giving all the Doses \(Over 12 months\)](#)
- [Giving All the Doses \(Adolescents\)](#)