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The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting took place October 23–24 and the following recommendations were approved by majority vote and added to the <u>immunization</u> schedule.

## **Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine**

ACIP recommends a single dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) for all PCV-naïve adults aged ≥50 years.

## **Meningococcal Group B Vaccine**

- ACIP voted to recommend GSK's meningococcal Group B vaccine (Bexsero) be administered as a 2-dose series at 0 and 6 months when given to healthy adolescents and young adults aged 16–23 years for the prevention of serogroup B meningococcal disease.
- ACIP voted to recommend GSK's meningococcal Group B vaccine (Bexsero) be
  administered as a 3-dose series at 0, 1-2, and 6 months when given to persons aged ≥10
  years at increased risk for serogroup B meningococcal disease (i.e., persons with
  anatomic or functional asplenia, complement component deficiencies, or complement
  inhibitor use; microbiologists routinely exposed to N. meningitidis isolates; and persons at
  increased risk during an outbreak).

## **COVID-19 Vaccine**

In addition to the previously recommended 2024–2025 vaccination:

- ACIP recommends a second dose\* of 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine for adults ages 65 years and older.
- ACIP recommends a second dose\* of 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine for people ages 6 months-64 years who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.
- ACIP recommends additional doses (i.e., 3 or more doses) of 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine for people ages 6 months and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised under shared clinical decision-making.
- People ages 12 years and older who are initiating vaccination with Novavax COVID-19
  vaccine and receive a first dose of Novavax should complete the 2-dose initial vaccination
  series with Novavax vaccine. If more than 8 weeks have elapsed since receipt of the first
  dose of Novavax, any 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccine may be administered.
- \* The second dose is recommended 6 months after the first dose of 2024–2025 Formula COVID-19 vaccine, with a minimum interval of 2 months.

As always, thank you for your ongoing efforts and support of vaccination.

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