DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2021-0008]

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This meeting is open to the public. Time will be available for public comment. The meeting will be webcast live via the World Wide Web.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 24-25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EST (times subject to change).

Written comments must be received on or before February 25, 2021.

ADDRESSES: For more information on ACIP please visit the ACIP web site: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2021-0008 by any of the following methods:

- Mail: Docket No. CDC-2021-0008, c/o Attn: ACIP Meeting,
Instructions: All submissions received must include the Agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received in conformance with the https://www.regulations.gov suitability policy will be posted without change to https://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to https://www.regulations.gov.

Written public comments submitted 72 hours prior to the ACIP meeting will be provided to ACIP members before the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Thomas, ACIP Committee Management Specialist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., MS-H24-8, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027; Telephone: 404-639-8367; Email: ACIP@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PURPOSE: The committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the use of immunizing agents. In addition, under 42 U.S.C. § 1396s, the committee is mandated to establish and periodically review and, as appropriate, revise the list of vaccines for administration to vaccine-eligible children through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, along with schedules regarding dosing interval, dosage, and contraindications to administration of vaccines. Further, under provisions of the
Affordable Care Act, section 2713 of the Public Health Service Act, immunization recommendations of the ACIP that have been approved by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and appear on CDC immunization schedules must be covered by applicable health plans.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda will include discussions on cholera vaccine, hepatitis B vaccine, influenza vaccines, zoster vaccine, orthopoxvirus vaccine, pneumococcal vaccine, rabies vaccine and tickborne encephalitis vaccine. A recommendation vote on the rabies vaccine is scheduled. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. For more information on the meeting agenda visit https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/meetings-info.html.

Meeting Information: The meeting will be webcast live via the World Wide Web; for more information on ACIP please visit the ACIP web site: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html.

Public Participation

Interested persons or organizations are invited to participate by submitting written views, recommendations, and data. Please note that comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials are part of the public record and are subject to public disclosure. Do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure. If you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments,
that information will be on public display. CDC will review all 
submissions and may choose to redact, or withhold, submissions 
containing private or proprietary information such as Social 
Security numbers, medical information, inappropriate language, or 
duplicate/near duplicate examples of a mass-mail campaign. CDC 
will carefully consider all comments submitted into the docket. 
CDC does not accept comment by email.

Written Public Comment: Written comments must be received 
on or before February 25, 2021. Oral Public Comment: This 
meeting will include time for members of the public to make an 
oral comment. Oral public comment will occur before any 
scheduled votes including all votes relevant to the ACIP’s 
Affordable Care Act and Vaccines for Children Program roles. 
Priority will be given to individuals who submit a request to 
make an oral public comment before the meeting according to the 
procedures below.

Procedure for Oral Public Comment: All persons interested 
in making an oral public comment at the February 24, 2021 ACIP 
meeting must submit a request at 
http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/ no later than 11:59 
p.m., EST, February 18, 2021 according to the instructions 
provided.

If the number of persons requesting to speak is greater than can 
be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled time, CDC will 
conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled 
public comment session. CDC staff will notify individuals
regarding their request to speak by email by February 19, 2021. To accommodate the significant interest in participation in the oral public comment session of ACIP meetings, each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, and each speaker may only speak once per meeting.

The Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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