In February 2018, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) announced the availability of the 2018 adult immunization schedule in the Adults and Infants by Age Category (AAP) and appended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The administration made all the recommendations for preventing infectious diseases in non-pregnant adults based on current knowledge of disease transmission, the effectiveness and safety of the vaccines and other medical conditions, and recommendations of human services.

This immunization schedule consists of figures that summarize recommended vaccines for adults by age group and medical conditions and other indications, footnotes for the figures, and a boxed text recommendations section (Appendix). Below is the following recommendations reviewing the adult immunization schedule.

• The figures in the adult immunization schedule should be reviewed with the accompanying tables.
• The figures and footnotes display indications for which vaccines, if not previously administered, should be administered in accordance with the recommendations.
• The tables and footnotes provide guidance and situations for which vaccines should not be used or should be used with caution.
• Inactivated vaccines are generally preferred to live vaccines. Inactivated vaccines (e.g., pneumococcal vaccines) are generally acceptable as compared to live vaccines.
• Inactivated vaccines should be administered unless noted otherwise.
• Live vaccines should be used only when any component of the combination is contraindicated and when other components of the combination are not contraindicated.
• The use of live vaccines and components of combination vaccines in adults with other indications should be avoided.
• The table of contraindications and precautions identifies populations and situations for which vaccines should not be used or should be used with caution.
• The recommendations in the schedule were also approved by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the American Society for Preventive Medicine (ASPMA).
• The table of contraindications and precautions is available at www2.cdc.gov/nip/adultimmsched/default.asp.

Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older, United States, 2018

Information on vaccinating immunocompromised adults is in the IDSA Clinical Practice Guideline for Vaccination of the Immunocompromised Host (2). The following recommendations are for adults who meet the criteria for immunocompromise as defined in the guideline. Additional information on vaccinating immunocompromised adults is in the IDSA Clinical Practice Guideline for Vaccination of the Immunocompromised Host.

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Additional resources for health care providers include:

• Details on vaccine recommendations and complete ACIP statements at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/rec-vac/adult/index.html.
• Information and resources on vaccinating pregnant women at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/rec-vacc/pregnant.html.
• Information on travel vaccine requirements and recommendations at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/rec-vac/travel.
• A key for vaccine coverage for health care personnel is available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/rec-vac/healthcare-providers/default.html.
• A CDC announcement of the availability of the 2018 adult immunization schedule in the Adults and Infants by Age Category (AAP) and appended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/rec-vac/adult/index.html.

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1. Footnotes. Recommended immunization schedule for adults aged 19 years or older, United States, 2018

2. Footnotes. Recommended immunization schedule for adults aged 19 years or older, United States, 2018


5. Information on the use of Tdap or Td as tetanus prophylaxis in wound management is available at

6. Pertussis-containing vaccines: encephalopathy, e.g., coma, decreased level of consciousness, or death. For adults aged 60 years or older, administer either RZV or ZVL. The number of doses of HPV vaccine to be administered on individual clinical decision.

7. General information: SArgenio and ZVL are contraindicated for pregnant women and adults with moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever (e.g., systemic symptoms of fever, chills, and/or fatigue).