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**Protecting Los Angeles County Residents from Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:  
Ensuring Access to Evidence-Based Information**

On January 5, 2026, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a memo to implement significant changes to the recommended vaccination schedule for children. These changes, coupled with those made in 2025, reduce by six the number of evidence-based vaccinations recommended for all children, including the following: rotavirus, COVID-19, influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and meningococcal vaccines. Although states have authority to determine children’s recommended vaccines and set requirements for school entry, ongoing vaccine misinformation and changes in the recommended vaccination schedule for children will have negative implications, including for children in Los Angeles County.

Importantly, federal changes to vaccine recommendations did not follow previously established processes, as changes have been made absent deliberative internal or external consultation with experts and prior public notice. In fact, modifications to the children’s recommended vaccine schedule were made without appropriate review by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as reports indicate that CDC staff were blindsided. These events follow HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s overhaul of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

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last year. The ACIP was comprised of 17 experts to advise the CDC on vaccine recommendations, and its membership was entirely replaced. Unfortunately, recent changes made to the recommended vaccination schedule are another attempt to undermine life-saving vaccines by the Trump Administration, which will have detrimental consequences to the health and well-being of children nationwide.

In response, Governor Newsom has taken important actions to counteract the Trump Administration's efforts to dismantle vaccine recommendations. Notably, in September 2025, Governor Newsom launched the West Coast Health Alliance, in partnership with Oregon, Hawaii, and Washington, to develop evidence-based, coordinated vaccine recommendations. Additionally, Governor Newsom signed AB 144, which enables California to inform its immunization guidance on credible medical organizations, rather than the ACIP. Most recently, on February 24, 2026, California joined more than a dozen states in suing the Trump Administration over its changes of vaccine recommendations for children, which place the lives of children at risk.

The County's Department of Public Health has also engaged in efforts to overcome vaccine misinformation, including by promoting awareness of the Trump Administration's erroneous claims that vaccines may cause autism, while emphasizing the importance of adhering to California's vaccine recommendations for children. Unfortunately, the federal administration continues to spread misinformation and sow confusion, and families need consistent messaging and trustworthy information to

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ensure the effective adherence to recommended life-saving vaccines.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Health, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Children and Families Services, Youth Development, Justice, Care and Opportunities, and other relevant departments, and in collaboration with community-based providers, schools, *promotoras*, and community health workers, conduct a grassroots informational awareness campaign, in multiple languages and utilizing ethnic media, on the importance of following California's recommended vaccination schedule for children.

**I, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel, in collaboration with the Departments of Public Health and Health Services, to join and/or support litigation opposing changes made by the Trump Administration to the recommended vaccination schedule for children.

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