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RE: Use of a 2-Dose Schedule for Human Papillomavirus Vaccination (HPV) - Updated Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children Provider:

This memo summarizes the new recommendations which were released last week in the MMWR, https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6549a5.htm?s_cid=mm6549a5_w.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now routinely recommends two doses of HPV vaccine for 11 or 12 year olds to prevent HPV-related cancers. This recommendation makes it easier for parents to protect their children by reducing the number of shots and trips to the doctor. HPV vaccination is an important cancer prevention tool and two doses of HPV vaccine will provide safe, effective and long-lasting protection when given at the recommended ages of 11 or 12 years. The new recommendations for use of a 2-dose schedule only applies to girls and boys who initiate the vaccination series at ages 9 through 14 years. Some of the specifics of the recommendation include:

- The first HPV vaccine dose is routinely recommended at 11-12 years old. The second dose of the vaccine should be administered 6 to 12 months after the first dose.
- Teens and young adults who start the series at ages 15 through 26 years will continue to need three doses of HPV vaccine to protect against cancer-causing HPV infections.
- Adolescents aged 9 through 14 years who have already received two doses of HPV vaccine less than 6 months apart, will require a third dose.
- Three doses are recommended for people with weakened immune systems aged 9-26 years.

Should you have any questions or need further information please contact the Immunization Unit at 1-800-252-9152 or visit our website www.ImmunizeTexas.com.

Sincerely,

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