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**To: Iowa Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers**

**From: Iowa VFC Program**

**Re: HPV Vaccine Update: Use of a 2-Dose Schedule for Human Papillomavirus Vaccination - Updated ACIP Recommendations**

The December 16, 2016, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) included updated recommendations regarding the use of a 2-dose vaccine schedule for Human Papillomavirus vaccination. As a result of these changes, the Iowa VFC Program has updated the HPV Vaccine Summary.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommend two doses of HPV vaccine for adolescents who begin the vaccination series before age 15.

Routine HPV vaccination is recommended at age 11 or 12 years and the vaccination series can be started as young as 9 years of age. Vaccination is recommended through 26 years of age for females and through 21 years of age for males not vaccinated previously. Males aged 22 through 26 years may be vaccinated; vaccination is recommended through age 26 years for males in some special populations and those with immunocompromising conditions.

**Recommended number of doses and dosing schedule for HPV vaccine**

Recommended number of doses	Recommended dosing schedule	Population
2	0, 6 -12 months	Persons initiating vaccination at ages 9 through 14 years, except immunocompromised persons
3	0, 1 - 2, 6 months	Persons initiating vaccination at ages 15 through 26 years, and immunocompromised persons initiating vaccination at ages 9 through 26 years

A detailed Human Papillomavirus Vaccine summary and a list of Frequently Asked Questions is available [here](#) and includes information on use, dosage, schedule, and contraindications.

The schedule in IRIS will be updated to reflect the 2-dose HPV recommendation.

If you have questions regarding recommendations for use of HPV vaccine, contact the Immunization Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 2.