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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization

CDC has recently released updated **General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization**, available on the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#) web page. The **General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization** replace the *General Recommendations on Immunization*, last published in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* in 2011.

The **General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization** goes beyond vaccination recommendations to give providers guidelines on vaccination practice. The document will help vaccination providers to assess vaccine benefits and risks, use recommended administration practices, understand the most effective strategies for ensuring that vaccination coverage in the population remains high, and communicate the importance of vaccination to reduce the effects of vaccine-preventable disease.

Unlike previous versions of this document, the updated version was released only as an online report. Future updates for the document will be much faster, giving vaccination providers the most up-to-date guidance on vaccination practice. A printer-friendly version of this document from the ACIP's website is attached.

We encourage you to share and review the updated **General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization** report with health care professionals in your practice. Continuing education (CE) credit is available for the **General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization**.