



**Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium**  
**Community Health Services**  
**Immunization Program**

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Dear Community Healthcare Provider :

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The new 2010 ANTHC Immunization Schedule is now available. This year, the laminated version is on blue paper. Please remove all green 2009 immunization schedules from your clinic to reduce confusion.

The following is a summary of changes to the 2010 schedule:

**Polio (IPV):** The last dose of IPV vaccine is now required to be administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.

**Meningococcal (Menactra®):** Revaccination with meningococcal conjugate vaccine is now recommended for children who remain at increased risk for meningococcal disease (includes children with terminal complement disorders, asplenia or other conditions placing them at high risk). If the 1<sup>st</sup> dose was administered at age 2 through 6 years, revaccinate after 3 years. If the 1<sup>st</sup> dose was administered at age 7 years and older, revaccinate after 5 years. Revaccination is not recommended for those whose only risk factor is student dorms.

**HPV (Gardasil®):** A permissive recommendation allows the administration of Gardasil® to males aged 9 through 18 years of age to reduce the likelihood of acquiring genital warts. State-supplied Gardasil® can only be given to males who are VFC eligible. HPV is not currently forecasting for boys in RPMS.

**Tdap (Boostrix®):** Boostrix® will be provided by the State for people 10 through 64 years of age who have not received their single dose of Tdap vaccine. In contrast, Adacel® is for use in people 11 through 64 years of age.

**Pneumococcal Conjugate (Pevnar13®):** Licensure of Pevnar 13® is expected at any time. Pevnar 13® provides expanded protection against pneumococcal disease and will soon replace Pevnar 7®. The vaccination schedule remains the same as Pevnar 7®. We anticipate that there will be an additional recommendation to give one dose of Pevnar13® to children 59 months and younger who have completed the Pevnar 7® series.

**Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPV23, Pneumovax23®):** It is no longer the recommendation to give PPV23 every 6 years after a person has received their initial dose. In the new Alaska recommendations [http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/bulletins/docs/b2009\\_24.pdf](http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/bulletins/docs/b2009_24.pdf), all Alaska Native adults age 50 years or older who have not received previous doses are recommended to receive PPV23 with a single booster at age 65 years or older, if at least 5 years has passed since the previous dose.

Please become familiar with, and provide to your patients, the *CDC VIS for Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine*. If you are interested in more laminated ANTHC 2010 Immunization Schedules or the electronic version or have questions, please contact your Regional Immunization Coordinator, Tania Smalenberg, ANTHC Immunization Nurse Coordinator or Dr Rosalyn Singleton, ANTHC Immunization Program Director.

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