IMMUNIZATIONS NEWSLETTER

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**NEW IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES**

Based on usability testing and redesigned graphics, ACIP is addressing this communications problem through new formats and features for their immunization schedules. The new schedules are designed to be more user-friendly and accessible, with clear and concise information on recommended vaccines and dosages.

ACIP’s recommendations are evidence-based and are intended to be practical and achievable for all healthcare providers. The new schedules are available online and in print, allowing for easy access by healthcare providers and patients alike.

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

The concern over the number of annual cases of pertussis in the United States—peaking at 48,277 cases in 2012—led to ACIP making additional recommendations for pertussis vaccination. ACIP has recommended that all healthcare providers should remain vigilant in identifying and reporting cases of pertussis, and that healthcare providers should continue to vaccinate all eligible individuals against pertussis at the appropriate ages.

**IMPACT ON THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

The new schedules and additional recommendations are expected to have a significant impact on the healthcare system. They will help providers ensure that all individuals are up-to-date on their immunizations, reducing the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases and improving public health outcomes.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information on the new immunization schedules and additional recommendations, please visit the ACIP website or contact your local public health department.