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SLO County Guidance Regarding Federal Changes to Childhood and Adolescent Vaccine Schedule

What You Need to Know: Vaccine guidance in SLO County aligns with recommendations by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CDPH, working as part of the West Coast Health Alliance, continues to recommend vaccination according to the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\) Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#).

Background: On January 5, 2026, the Acting Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention signed a [decision memorandum \(PDF\)](#) to revise the Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule and significantly reduce the number of vaccinations routinely recommended for all U.S. children. This decision did not follow established procedure for vaccine policy recommendations and threatens an increase in vaccine-preventable diseases in children nationwide.

What this means in SLO County:

- We **expect vaccines to remain covered by insurance this year** for both Medi-Cal and private insurance plans.
- Parents and guardians should continue to **make informed decisions about vaccines based on conversations with their pediatrician** and recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- **California is examining the impacts** of these federal changes regarding access to vaccines.

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