



## Media Release

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### **CIC and AAP-CA Welcome Governor Newsom's Actions to Ensure Public Health for All**

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California and the California Immunization Coalition are proud to support Governor Newsom's announcement that will allow the California Department of Public Health to set its own vaccine schedules, listen to clinical and scientific experts, ensure that vaccines will be covered by insurance, and create liability protection for health care providers administering recommended vaccines.

Included in the Governor's announcement on Wednesday September 17th

- Governor Newsom signed AB-144 which went into effect immediately and allows the State to set its own vaccine schedules, based on evidence-based immunization guidance from experts and professional medical bodies.
- California has joined Oregon, Washington and Hawaii in a West Coast Health Alliance in issuing joint COVID-19, flu and RSV vaccine recommendations to protect against winter respiratory viruses.
- Guidelines and resources for updated recommendations are found on the [Public Health For All](#) webpage on the CDPH website.

Dr. Eric Ball, Chair, American Academy of Pediatrics, California stated, "California's decisive action to protect vaccine access, issue unified, evidence-based vaccine recommendations and ensure health insurance coverage for vaccines will help reassure parents, the public, and health care professionals."

Health care professionals will continue to rely on expert guidance, from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and will take into consideration the recommendations from professional bodies such as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

Dr. Pia Pannaraj, President of the California Immunization Coalition added, "At a time when inaccurate information is being promoted to generate fear and mistrust, SB144 ensures that our state can continue to rely on evidence-based guidance from experts and maintain immunization access to keep families and communities healthy."

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