

MEDIA STATEMENT

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NCPHA Voices Support for AAP's 2026 Vaccine Recommendations

Statement from NCPHA Executive Director Patrick Brown, PharmD

“The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released its recommended childhood and adolescent immunization schedule for 2026, which continues to recommend routine immunization for protection against 18 diseases, including RSV, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rotavirus, influenza, and meningococcal disease.

AAP has served as the leading voice in vaccine recommendations for nearly a century, providing evidence-based guidance to support pediatricians in caring for children and families.

With measles cases on the rise in North Carolina, transparent and evidence-based vaccine policy is more important than ever. Our association, representing over 1,500 public health professionals across North Carolina, is proud to endorse AAP's vaccine recommendations.

NCPHA will continue to advocate for vaccine access as a strong mechanism to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and help keep our communities safe and healthy.”

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The [North Carolina Public Health Association](#) was formed in 1909 by a group of concerned county superintendents of health in an effort to promote public health in North Carolina. Over 100 years later, NCPHA's 1,500 individual and organizational members continue working to improve public health by supporting education, advocacy, public awareness, and professional development as part of the [North Carolina Public Health Collaboration](#).