Important Immunization Recommendations for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Children

Vaxelis or PedvaxHIB Recommended for AI/AN Children

Hib Vaccine Series: AI/AN children should get either Vaxelis or PedvaxHIB for their primary Hib series. **Option 1:** Give 3-dose primary series of Vaxelis at 2, 4, and 6 months. **Option 2:** Give 2-dose primary series of PedvaxHIB at 2 and 4 months. Both options should be followed by a booster at 12-15 months. Any Hib vaccine (except Vaxelis) can be used for the booster dose.

Hib disease is a serious bacterial infection that disproportionately affects AI/AN children, especially early in life. Research shows that these specific Hib vaccines provide earlier protective antibody levels and are more effective at reducing Hib disease in AI/AN children. Additionally, Vaxelis protects against six different diseases, which reduces the number of vaccinations a child needs.

Sources: Hib Vaccine Immunogenicity in American Indian/Alaska Native Infants (AAP Publications); Recommended Immunizations Schedule (Washington State Department of Health)

RSV Monoclonal Antibody Recommendation

First RSV season: All AI/AN infants less than 8 months old whose mothers did not receive the maternal RSV vaccine during pregnancy should get one dose of nirsevimab (Beyfortus) or clesrovimab (Enflonsia). **Second RSV season:** All AI/AN children 8-19 months old should get one dose of nirsevimab, regardless of previous RSV monoclonal antibody or maternal RSV vaccination.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) causes illness that disproportionately hospitalizes AI/AN children. Giving maternal vaccination and RSV monoclonal antibody protects these children from harm when they are most vulnerable.

Sources: RSV Among American Indian and Alaska Native Children (AAP Publications); Recommended Immunizations Schedule (Washington State Department of Health)

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