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Fall Vaccination Campaign

- The Kidney Community Vaccination Collaborative (KCVC) released its fall vaccination campaign
 - Short, case-style video on vaccine communication [Watch now](#)
 - Vaccine information flyer for dialysis clinics [Download](#)
 - Trusted vaccination resources flyer [Access now](#)
 - FAQs for people with kidney diseases on [influenza](#), [RSV](#), [COVID-19](#), and [pneumococcal diseases](#)

- Trusted vaccination sources:

- American Medical Association

[Vaccines, Vaccinations, and Immunizations](#)

- American Academy of Family Physicians

[Fall Immunization Recommendations](#)

- American Academy of Pediatrics

[Immunization Schedule](#)

- Common Health Coalition

[2025-2026 Combined Respiratory](#)

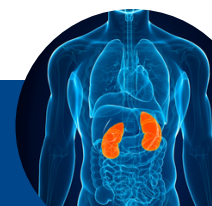
[Vaccine Recommendations](#)

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2025-2026 Combined Respiratory Vaccine Recommendations			
	Influenza Vaccine	RSV Immunization	COVID-19 Vaccine
Infants and Children	All children 6 months and older Some children 6 months to 8 years may need multiple doses AAFP, AAP, CDC	All infants <8 months + children 8-19 months with risk factors (nirsevimab, clesrovimab), typically Oct-Mar, if no maternal RSV vaccine AAFP, AAP, CDC	All children 6-23 months + children 2-18 years with risk factors or if parent desires vaccine AAFP, AAP
Pregnancy	All At any point in pregnancy ACOG, AAFP, ESP	32-36 weeks gestation (Pfizer, Abrysvo only) Typically Sept-Jan ACOG, AAFP, CDC	All At any point in pregnancy ACOG, AAFP
Adults 18-50	All AAFP, CDC	See Pregnancy AAFP, CDC	All Especially important for people with risk factors or who have never received a vaccine AAFP
Adults 50+	All High-dose, recombinant or adjuvanted flu vaccine preferred for 65+, if available AAFP, CDC	All 75+ and adults 50-74 with risk factors One lifetime dose of RSV vaccine AAFP, CDC	All Especially important for people with risk factors or who have never received a vaccine AAFP
 Last updated 9/12/25			

Hurricane Preparedness

- Kidney-specific resources:
 - Module, [Emergency Preparedness for Dialysis Providers and People Living with Kidney Diseases](#)
 - [EPC's emergency preparedness resource page](#)
- Hurricane advisories and warnings:
 - [National Hurricane Center and Central Pacific Hurricane Center \(NOAA\) website](#)



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Key Advancements

- Current and Emerging Threats (CET) presents its C. auris FAQ as part of the MDRO Compendium [View FAQ's](#)
- The Glomerular Diseases Collaborative (GD-C) publishes first CJASN perspectives piece on "Barriers to Patients Accessing Specialized Treatments for Glomerular Diseases" [Read More](#)
- An evaluation of the inaugural ASN Home Dialysis Scholarship Program, "Impact of a Longitudinal Virtual Education Series on Home Dialysis Education: A Mixed-Methods Evaluation", has been published in CJASN [Read here](#)

Upcoming Events / Get Involved

- ASN Kidney Week 2025: sessions and posters related to projects within EPC [View](#)
- EPC Reception at Kidney Week [RSVP by Friday, October 10](#)
- ASN's Legislative Action Center offers ways to lend your voice to issues impacting the kidney community [Learn more](#)
- ASN has partnered with Research!America and other national organizations to launch the Americans for Medical Research campaign and highlight the vital role of federal investment in research to advance treatments and improve lives. ASN encourages you to share your story through the campaign's website to amplify the impact of kidney care professionals and patients living with kidney diseases nationwide [Learn about the campaign](#)

Resource Hub

- Transforming Dialysis Access Together (TDAT): Recommendations for Nephrology Fellows [Read the article](#)
- Project Firstline webinar recorded August 1: "Decreasing the Risk of Dialysis-Related Infections: What We Have Learned from Patients and Care-Partners" [Watch the series here](#)
- FAQs on [Avian Influenza](#) and [Measles for People with Kidney Diseases](#)
- Infection Prevention & Transitions of Care podcasts [Listen to the latest episodes, on catheter care](#)
- Emergency Preparedness and Response podcast series [Episodes 1 and 2](#)
- ASN Kidney Health Guidance
 - [Outpatient Management of Patients with Dialysis-Requiring Acute Kidney Injury](#)
 - [Potassium and Phosphorus Food Additives](#)

