

Summit Adult Vaccination Recommendations Review (SAVRR) Council
Meeting Summary
July 14, 2026

Opening announcements

- Dr. Bob Hopkins (Co-chair) welcomed SAVRR Council members and reviewed the Council's scope and objectives.

American Thoracic Society (ATS) and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Vaccine Education Center (CHOP-VEC) join the Council

- Justin Ortiz and Tina Hartert from ATS
- Lori Handy from CHOP-VEC

American Medical Association (AMA) & Vaccine Integrity Project (VIP) updates on respiratory season roll-out plans and communication materials- Andrea Garcia & Sandra Fryhofer (AMA), Sherri Berger (VIP)

- Reviewed timeline for VIP's evidence reviews and medical society vaccine recommendation releases.
- AMA is supporting the specialty societies by amplifying their work and consolidating the various recommendations.
- AMA is also doing market research, building a new immunization recommendations website, and working with a marketing agency on creative assets.
- AMA conducted a physician survey, two patient focus groups, and four stakeholder focus groups [public health (2 focus groups), payors (1 focus group), self-insured employers (1 focus group)]. An overview of the findings was shared.
- Resources are being developed by audience (i.e., patient-facing and physician-facing) based on the findings.
- Communication plan is being developed to increase respiratory virus vaccination for the 2026-27 season by increasing physician and health care professionals' and patients' awareness and adoption of recommendations.
 - Website consolidating respiratory virus immunization recommendations and resources to be launched by September 2.
 - Respiratory virus season town hall webinar and media tour will be held in mid-to-late September.
 - Sign-on opportunity for organizations to support the recommendations will be shared in September.

Discussion: Clinical considerations, including pharmacies' ability to vaccinate without ACIP recommendations (e.g., COVID vaccine) – Bob Hopkins

- Updated guidance on vaccination of pregnant women with respiratory vaccines will be available in early September; ACOG's [2026 Maternal Immunization Schedule](#) is available now.

- Moderna's mRNA influenza vaccine has not yet been licensed by the FDA; a decision is expected by early August. We will discuss potential implementation challenges related to this vaccine during the August SAVRR Council meeting.
- AAFP is taking the lead on healthcare provider recommendations, and employment requirements are not anticipated to be included. SHEA would like to be involved in the development of these recommendations.
- AAFP is considering evidence on the adjuvanted/high dose respiratory virus vaccines for older individuals and will develop recommendations.
- Community pharmacies expect flu vaccines to begin arriving in the coming weeks. SAVRR Council [recommended](#) that healthcare professionals follow existing influenza, COVID-19, and RSV immunization recommendations until updated recommendations are available in early fall.

Next meeting

- August 11 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm ET