

An open letter to the American people:

With the severe influenza season the U.S. experienced during the 2024-25 respiratory virus season, and the recognition that we will likely see another surge in respiratory viruses this fall, we know strong physician leadership is essential to reducing preventable illness, hospitalizations, and death. Vaccines for influenza, RSV, and COVID-19 remain among the best tools to protect the public against these illnesses and their potentially serious complications—and physicians are among the most trusted voices to recommend them. We come together as physicians from every corner of medicine to reaffirm our commitment to these lifesaving vaccines.

Recent changes to federal immunization review processes raised concerns across the medical and public health community. In this moment of uncertainty, physicians must align around clear, evidence-based guidance for patients.

We commit to working together to promote public understanding and confidence in the use of vaccines to avoid another severe respiratory virus season and resurgence of vaccine-preventable illnesses and deaths. We call on our partners—from insurers to hospitals to public health agencies—to ensure vaccines remain available to patients without cost sharing.

The health and safety of the public remains our top priority, and we will continue to support evidence-based immunizations to help prevent severe disease and protect public health.

Your continued partners in health,

American Medical Association
Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research
Alaska State Medical Association
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Association of Public Health Physicians
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Correctional Physicians
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians

American College of Rheumatology
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society
American Osteopathic Association
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neuroimaging
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
American Thoracic Society
Arizona Medical Association
California Medical Association
College of American Pathologists
Colorado Medical Society
Endocrine Society
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality
Hawaii Medical Association
Idaho Medical Association
Illinois State Medical Society
Indiana State Medical Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Kentucky Medical Association
Louisiana State Medical Society
Maine Medical Association
Massachusetts Medical Society
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society
Medical Association of Georgia
Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Medical Society of DC
Medical Society of Delaware
Medical Society of the State of New York
Michigan State Medical Society
Minnesota Medical Association
Mississippi State Medical Association
Missouri State Medical Association
Montana Medical Association

Nebraska Medical Association
New Mexico Medical Society
North Carolina Medical Society
North Dakota Medical Association
Ohio State Medical Association
Oklahoma State Medical Association
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Rhode Island Medical Society
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Pediatric Dermatology
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)
Society of Critical Care Medicine
Society of Hospital Medicine
South Dakota State Medical Association
Texas Medical Association
Vermont Medical Society
Washington State Medical Association
Wisconsin Medical Society
Wyoming Medical Society