

The Story County Board of Health wishes to re-iterate its commitment to the health of all Iowans by confirming our support of the current vaccine requirements for daycare and school attendance as outlined in our previous Board of Health Immunization statement(August 8th,2023).

We have been concerned of the recent recommendations that have come out from the CDC(Center for Disease Control and prevention) as well as ACIP(Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) that seem to contradict the current immunization schedule. These recommendations are not based on any scientific data and are not supported by any major medical organization.

The Story County Board of Health encourages all hospitals, medical providers as well as parents to follow the immunization guidelines as outlined by the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations/).

Data has shown that vaccines are an extremely safe and cost-effective intervention to improve the health of our children and consequently the health of our state. Vaccines have been shown to decrease disease burden, lower medical costs and improve life expectancy on a population level.

The Story County Board of Health's only concern is with the health of all residents of Story County. No exceptions.