



Date: March 26, 2018
To: Vaccines for Adult Providers
From: Nebraska DHHS Immunization Program
Subject: **IMPORTANT – ACIP Recommendations for Adults**

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has recommended a couple of changes to some adult vaccines. Information here is provided as a quick overview, in case your clinic gives vaccines to adults. Also, refer to the package insert on any new vaccines that you give.

New shingles vaccine **Shingrix**

Shingrix is preferred because of better immune response

Should be given to people ages 50 and older, including those that already received Zostavax

Given as 2 doses spaced 2-6 months apart

Stored in the refrigerator

Vaccine is reconstituted

Given IM

Increase in expected reactions – pain, myalgia, fatigue

Symptoms typically go away in 2 to 3 days

1 in 6 people may have reaction that interferes with daily activities

Having a reaction with first dose, does not strongly predict a reaction with the 2nd dose

Minimum spacing between Zostavax and Shingrix is 8 weeks.

New hepatitis B vaccine **Hepelisav-B**

New 2 dose Hepatitis B vaccine for those ages 18 years and older

2 dose series given one month apart

Given IM

If you need further assistance please contact the Nebraska Immunization Program: 402-471-6423 or your assigned community nurse.