

## **Pennsylvania Division of Immunizations Federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)**

The ACIP is a federal advisory panel made up of medical and public health experts who develop recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the United States.

Once a new or amended recommendation is published, the ACIP approves it for inclusion in the 317 vaccine program by passing a resolution. Resolutions determine what vaccines are available through the CDC contracts, including dosage, schedule, and contraindications. Resolutions are the rules that providers must follow when administering vaccines under the COVID-19 Bridge Access Program.

All COVID-19 Bridge Access Program providers agree to comply with immunization schedules, dosages, and contraindications established by the ACIP except when the following apply:

- In the provider's medical judgment, and in accordance with accepted medical practice, the provider deems such compliance to be medically inappropriate; or
- The requirement(s) contradicts a patient's religious or other beliefs.