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At a Glance

- ACIP's scheduled Feb. 25-27 meeting has been postponed to Mar. 18-19.
- ACOG announced its withdrawal from the ACIP.
- CDC's second-in-command unexpectedly steps down.
- Fifteen states have filed a lawsuit challenging changes to federal immunization guidance and policy.
- VRBPAC accepting comments through Mar. 3 for Mar. 12 meeting on 2026-27 flu vaccine composition.

Detailed Brief

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- Health and Human Services (HHS) spokesperson Andrew Nixon did not provide a reason for the delay.

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- The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) [announced](#) its withdrawal from participation in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on Feb. 24, citing concerns about recent changes to the committee's membership and direction.
- The organization will continue issuing independent, evidence-based vaccine recommendations for obstetric clinicians and pregnant patients.

CDC's second-in-command unexpectedly steps down.

- Principal Deputy Director of the CDC Ralph Abraham, MD, [stepped down](#) from his position at the agency on Feb. 23, citing “unforeseen family obligations.”
- HHS had recently indicated that Abraham would be staying on to support Jay Bhattacharya, MD, PhD, who recently assumed the role of Acting CDC Director.

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- Fifteen [states announced](#) that they will sue HHS over the CDC’s revised childhood immunization schedule and the “unlawful” replacement of ACIP members.
- Filed by 14 attorneys general and one governor, the complaint names HHS Secretary Kennedy, the CDC, and Acting CDC Director Bhattacharya as defendants. The states argue that the revised schedule was not grounded in scientific evidence.

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- The US. Food & Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee ([VRBPAC](#)) will meet on Mar. 12 to discuss and make recommendations on the strain composition of influenza virus vaccines for use in the United States during the 2026-2027 influenza season.
- Comments received on or before Mar. 3 will be provided to the committee. Comments received after that date and on Mar. 11 will be taken into consideration by the FDA.

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