

Hello Chair Hashim and Senate Judiciary committee members
 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.545 today

I am correcting Lorin Layman's, Department of Health General Counsel, testimony from today regarding H.545..

Senator Vyhovsky asked how the United States vaccine schedule compares to other countries and I wanted to share the following to correct the record.

The Federally recommended vaccine schedule recently shifted after analysis by Health and Human Services (HHS). A comparison with the recommended schedules of 20 'peer countries' Australia, Greece, Japan, France, UK etc, were reviewed to determine 'consensus vaccines', number of diseases and total injections given. The US was an outlier with the highest number of vaccines given to children and almost twice as many compared to some 'peer countries.'

The source document including a picture of the analysis is here The third column from the right has the number of vaccine doses in each 'peer' country including the US.

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/assessment-of-the-us-childhood-and-adolescent-immunization-schedule-compared-to-other-countries.pdf>

Universal Vaccine Recommendations Funded by the Government	Age at 1st Vaccine (months)	Rotavirus	Diphtheria	Tetanus	Pertussis	Polio	Hib	Tuberculosis	Japanese Encephalitis	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Pneumococcal	Measles	Mumps	Rubella	Varicella	HPV	Meningococcal	Influenza	Covid-19	# Vaccine Doses	# Diseases	# Mandated
Australia	0	2	6	6	6	4	4	..	..	..	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	5-6	..	50-51	15	13
Austria	2	2-3	5	5	5	5	3	..	..	..	4	3	2	2	2	..	2	1	17-18	..	58-60	14	0
Belgium	2	..	6	6	6	5	4	..	..	..	4	3	2	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	43	12	1
Canada	2	2-3	6	6	6	5	4	..	..	..	2-3	3-4	2	2	2	2	1	2	18-19	..	64-68	15	0
Denmark	3	..	4	4	4	4	3	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	30	10	0
Finland	2	3	5	5	5	5	4	3	..	..	..	3	2	2	2	2	2	..	6-7	..	44-45	13	0
France	2	2-3	5	5	5	5	3	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	2	..	2	6	..	..	45-46	13	11
Germany	1.5	2-3	5	5	5	4	3	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	..	..	44-45	14	1
Greece	2	2-3	6	6	6	4-5	4	..	..	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	5	5-6	..	56-58	16	0
Ireland	2	2	6	6	6	5	4	..	..	..	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	5	16	..	65	15	0
Italy	3	2	5	5	5	5	3	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	6	..	..	47	14	10
Japan	2	2-3	5	5	4	4	4	1	4	..	3	4	2	..	2	2	2-3	..	..	..	44-46	14	0
Netherlands	1.5	2	6	6	5	5	4	..	..	..	4	3	2	2	2	..	2	2	..	..	45	13	0
New Zealand	1.5	2	5	5	5	4	4	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	3	..	..	43	14	0
Norway	1.5	2	5	5	5	5	3	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	39	12	0
Portugal	0	..	6	6	5	5	4	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	2	..	2	4	..	..	44	12	0
Spain	2	2-3	5	5	4	4	3	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	6	4-5	..	48-50	15	0
Sweden	1.5	2-3	5	5	5	4	3	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	38-39	12	0
Switzerland	2	2	5	5	5	4	3	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	6	..	..	46	14	0
United Kingdom	2	2	6	6	5	6	4	..	..	..	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	14	..	62	15	0
# Recommended		17	20	20	20	20	20	1	1	1	18	20	19	20	12	20	15	8	0				
# Mandated		1	3	3	3	4	3	0	0	0	3	2	4	3	3	2	0	2	0	0			
USA 2024	0	2-3	6	6	6	4	3-4	..	..	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	18-19	18-19	84-88	17	12
USA Suggested	2	A	6	6	6	4	3-4	..	..	A	A	4	2	2	2	2	1	A	A	A	38-39	11	0

Table 2: The number of vaccines recommended for all children in peer nations, not including monoclonal antibodies. The number of vaccine doses is more than the number of injections or diseases covered. For example, the MMR shot contains three vaccine doses, one each for measles, mumps and rubella. Red

Thank you for your time.
 Gratefully and respectfully.
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