

Lancaster City & County Medical Society
Statement on [Executive Order #14407](#)

The Lancaster City & County Medical Society joins the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, and other medical organizations in strong opposition to changes to the childhood vaccination schedule that are not supported by scientific evidence.

Executive Order #14407 calls for significant changes to long-standing vaccination recommendations, including separating the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine into individual components and spacing routine childhood vaccines across additional visits. There is no credible scientific evidence that these changes make vaccines safer or more effective.

The timing is especially concerning. The United States is experiencing its worst year of measles in more than 35 years, with more than 3,000 confirmed cases year-to-date. Lancaster County is at the center of Pennsylvania's current outbreak, with 246 cases at the time of this writing—accounting for approximately 40% of all cases in the Commonwealth.

For our physicians, patients, and families, this is not a theoretical concern. Measles is circulating in our community. At a time when we should be increasing vaccination rates and making immunization easier to access, these changes create additional barriers.

Separating combination vaccines means more injections and more medical visits. Each additional visit may require parents to miss work, arrange transportation or childcare, and incur additional costs. For families already struggling to access healthcare, these barriers can determine whether a child gets vaccinated at all. Additional visits also create more opportunities for vaccinations to be delayed or missed.

Childhood vaccination recommendations should be guided by rigorous scientific evidence and the expertise of physicians and independent medical and public health experts—not unsupported theories or political directives.

The Lancaster City & County Medical Society strongly supports preserving access to combination vaccines, including MMR, and maintaining evidence-based childhood immunization recommendations.

Our patients and families deserve policies that make it easier—not harder—to protect children from preventable disease.