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As President of the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA), the nation's largest professional organization representing dental hygienists, I submit this comment in strong support of the continued use of vaccines to protect public health across all age groups. ADHA is committed to improving both general and oral health through evidence-based practices and public health advocacy.

ADHA supports:

1. Vaccination of children, adolescents, adults, and older adults to reduce the risk of preventable diseases such as COVID-19, Hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).
2. Vaccine schedules grounded in rigorous scientific evidence, ensuring safety, efficacy, and transparency are upheld to maintain and strengthen public trust.
3. The inclusion of dental hygienists and dentists as vaccine administrators, expanding access to care and improving vaccination rates, particularly in underserved and rural communities.

As trusted healthcare providers, dental professionals are uniquely positioned to:

- Educate patients on the importance, safety, and benefits of vaccination.
- Identify individuals who may be due for immunizations and provide timely referrals or direct administration where authorized.
- Serve as critical partners in public health infrastructure, particularly during outbreaks or public health emergencies.

We urge the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to:

- Maintain science-based vaccine recommendations that prioritize prevention and population health.
- Recognize and incorporate the role of oral health professionals in vaccine delivery within public health planning and implementation.
- Ensure that immunization strategies are inclusive, equitable, and accessible to all communities, regardless of geography, income, or insurance status.

Thank you for your continued commitment to public health.

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