

All members of the CDC advisory committee on vaccination have been fired

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On June 10, 2025, POLITICO published a portion of an email sent to all 17 members of the CDC's (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) vaccination advisory committee:

"Per the June 9, 2025, directive from the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this email



serves as a formal notice of your immediate termination as a member of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)."

The action taken by Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to dismiss all members of the committee advising the CDC generated a negative response from various "health experts" and some politicians.

Sen. Bill Cassidy, chair of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, wrote on X: "Of course, now the fear is that the committee (ACIP) will be filled up with people who know nothing about vaccines except suspicion." Secretary Kennedy assured him that the changes would focus more on the process than on personalities.

Sen. [Susan Collins](#) (R-Maine) told reporters, "I did not know that had happened. It must have been very recent. I don't know who serves on those committees, but it seems to be excessive

to ask for everybody's resignations."

Approximately three years ago, in July 2022, after the CDC advisory committee on vaccination endorsed a recommendation for the vaccination of all children aged six months and older, the [essay in the New English Review](#) concluded:

"To vaccinate children from six months up is not justified by the existing data. One has to wonder how the FDA advisory panel could unanimously recommend the vaccination of children as young as six months old, how the FDA could approve it, and why the CDC plans to incorporate it into its recommendations."

The above conclusion was drawn without any qualification in the medical profession, solely from the available death statistics. The fact that the CDC committee unanimously approved the vaccine for children over six months old means that they either did not look at the death data or did not understand the statistics. Finally, three years later, they are fired.

Although POLITICO (June 10, 2025) reports that Secretary Kennedy's decision marks one of his most aggressive moves to date in overhauling how the government makes decisions about vaccines, we applaud his decision. It is based on scientific evidence.