



Statement from the Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC) on Pending Public Health Leadership Nominations in the United States Senate

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The Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC) welcomes the United States Senate's consideration of nominees to lead the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

At a time when the nation faces ongoing infectious disease threats and gaps in routine adult immunization, strong public health leadership is more important than ever. The individuals selected to lead these agencies will help shape the nation's response to emerging health threats, communicate clearly to the public, and determine Americans' access to recommended vaccines.

The Senate should confirm individuals to these positions who bring a commitment to evidence-based, transparent decision-making on vaccines that builds confidence among healthcare professionals and the public alike.

The decisions health agency leaders make affect all Americans. At the CDC, vaccine recommendations shape clinical practice and immunization policy nationwide. And at ASPR, emergency preparedness, coordination, and investment in new vaccines and other medical countermeasures help ensure communities have what they need during an epidemic or other public health emergency.

As the nominees prepare to testify, AVAC looks forward to learning more about how they would lead these agencies and approach adult access to recommended vaccines, which remains essential to safeguarding the health of individuals, families, and communities. We stand ready to work with the leaders confirmed to these positions to protect the health of the American people.