



Our Pediatric Practice Immunization Policy

Protecting your child and our community

Our practice believes that routine vaccination is an important part of protecting children from serious and potentially preventable diseases.

Our Commitment to Your Family

We will:

- Recommend vaccines based on current pediatric medical guidance.
- Explain the benefits, risks, and expected side effects of recommended vaccines.
- Listen respectfully to your questions and concerns.
- Provide evidence-based information to help you make informed decisions.
- Work with you on an appropriate catch-up plan if your child is behind.
- Respect legitimate medical reasons for delaying or avoiding a vaccine.
- Keep your child's vaccination status and discussions documented in the medical record.

If You Have Concerns About Vaccines

Please talk with us. We welcome questions about vaccine safety, ingredients, side effects, timing, effectiveness, and medical conditions.

We will make every reasonable effort to answer your questions and help you make decisions that protect your child's health.

Medical Exemptions

Some children should not receive certain vaccines because of a medical contraindication or precaution. Your child's healthcare professional will evaluate these circumstances individually and document an appropriate medical exemption when indicated.

A medical exemption is different from choosing not to vaccinate for personal reasons.

Delayed or Selective Vaccination

We strongly discourage delaying or selectively administering routine vaccines when there is no medical reason to do so. Delaying vaccination can leave children unprotected during periods when they are vulnerable to serious disease.

If your child is behind on vaccines, we will help develop an appropriate catch-up plan.

Protecting Other Patients

Because our office cares for infants and children who may be too young to receive certain vaccines or who have medical conditions affecting their immune systems we feel strongly that it is our responsibility to protect herd immunity by vaccinating healthy children.

Our Practice Policy

We want to maintain a respectful and trusting relationship with every family. However, our practice's standard of preventive care includes routine childhood immunization. We do require that all patients are current on required vaccines by age two (or actively working to catch up missed vaccines on an appropriate timeline) and that all subsequent boosters are received on time.

If a family persistently declines required vaccines despite counseling and discussion, the practice may determine that our approaches to medical care are no longer compatible. In appropriate circumstances, this may result in termination of the physician-patient relationship, consistent with applicable law and professional requirements.

We will provide appropriate notice and reasonable assistance with transition of care when termination is necessary.

Questions?

Please talk with your child's healthcare team. We would much rather have an open conversation about your concerns than have you make decisions without reliable medical information.