



Immunization Policy

We firmly believe in the effectiveness and safety of our vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives. We believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics. We believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health promoting intervention we perform as health care providers, and that you can perform as parents or caregivers. We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence and current studies, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

The vaccine campaign is truly a victim of its own success. It is precisely because vaccines are so effective at preventing illness that we are even discussing whether or not they should be given. Because of vaccines, many of you have never seen a child with polio, tetanus, whooping cough, bacterial meningitis or even chickenpox or known a friend or family member whose child had died of one of these diseases. Such success can make us complacent or even lazy about vaccinating. Vaccination of preventable disease is very important to both your child's health and to the public health of our community. Disease rates of vaccine preventable infections have increased when communities have seen decreasing vaccination rates.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults.

We require all patients to be up-to-date with vaccines using the CDC/AAP published schedules and be no more than one visit behind.

We will not accept any alternative schedules.

HPV, Meningitis B, Flu, and COVID Vaccines are strongly encouraged but not required. Patients with documented, approved medical contraindications will be accommodated.

[Vaccine schedule for birth to 6 years old](#)
[Vaccine schedule for ages 7 to 18 years old](#)

For those wanting more information we recommend the following websites

www.vaccineinformation.org www.vaccine.chop.edu

www.vaccinateyourfamily.org