



Vaccine Policy

At Lincoln Pediatric Group, we firmly believe:

- In the safety and effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.
- All children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the American Academy of Pediatrics. ([AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf](#))
- The recommended schedule of childhood vaccines is not harmful to their immune system.
- Based on an abundance of medical evidence, vaccines do not cause autism or developmental disabilities.
- Vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention that we perform as health providers and that you can offer as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and the schedule of their administration are the results of years of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

It is for these reasons that Lincoln Pediatric Group requires all patients to be vaccinated according to the recommended schedule. During each visit when a vaccine is recommended, we will provide you with a Vaccine Information Statement, which discusses the vaccine, its benefits, and any possible side effects.

We have the expectation that by establishing care at Lincoln Pediatric Group, your child will follow these guidelines and stay up to date on recommended immunizations. If your child is behind on vaccines, you can start vaccinating your child at Lincoln Pediatric Group according to the AAP Immunization Schedule. However, if you choose not to vaccinate according to the recommended schedule, you will need to find a new health care provider for your child. We will not accept new families with no intention of vaccinating. All new patients must provide Lincoln Pediatric Group with a copy of their vaccination record before they can be seen in our office.

We encourage any parent who wants to learn more to visit the following websites with reliable, scientific information to explain all aspects of vaccines – including manufacturing, how they work to protect children, and data regarding safety and efficacy.

Find resources here:

- Lincoln Pediatric Group immunization schedule: <https://lincolnpediatricgroup.com/Medical-Library/Immunizations>
- Healthy Children from The American Academy of Pediatrics: [Immunizations - HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org/Immunizations)
- Clear Answers and Smart Advice About Your Baby's Shots," an excerpt from the popular book "Baby 411" by Dr. Ari Brown: www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2068.pdf
- Vaccine Education Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: <https://www.chop.edu/vaccine-educationcenter>