

VACCINE POLICY

If your family chooses a vaccine schedule that is different from the one that our practice recommends (the AAP Vaccine Schedule), please know that we have clear deadlines. These deadlines help protect all children, families, and staff in our offices from illnesses that vaccines can help to prevent. We will work with families that have children who are behind on vaccines and help them get back on the recommended schedule.

By **6 months of age**, babies need to start the vaccines given in the first year of life:

- DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & acellular Pertussis)
- IPV (inactivated Poliovirus)
- Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B)
- Pneumococcal conjugate

By **12 months of age**, your child must have had three doses of each vaccines listed above

By **2 years of age**, children need vaccines given in the second year of life:

- MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella)
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- final doses of Hib and Pneumococcal conjugate
- DTaP

By **6 years of age**, your child must have the booster doses of MMR, Varicella, DTaP, and IPV

By **13 years of age**, teens need their adolescent vaccines:

- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & acellular Pertussis)
- Meningococcal ACYW vaccine

By **18 years of age**, your teen must have the second dose of Meningococcal ACYW

If these vaccine deadlines are not met, your child or teen will not be able to remain as a patient in the practice. Typically siblings will need to find a new provider in a different practice as well.

If you choose a different vaccine schedule, there may be extra shot-only visits needed. These visits may require additional payment for which the parent, guardian, or guarantor is responsible.

Our doctors do not sign vaccine exemption forms for daycares, schools, or employers except in the case of true medical contraindications.