Vaccine Policy

Western Wake Pediatrics strongly supports immunizing children according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines. Vaccines are one of the safest and most effective ways to protect children and communities from serious, potentially life-threatening diseases. Vaccines save lives.

We do not accept new patients who decline vaccines or choose to follow delayed or alternate vaccine schedules. This includes new patients with siblings already established at our practice. The evidence-based schedule is the only schedule proven to provide timely protection during the most vulnerable periods of a child's development. Alternate schedules lack scientific support, delay immunity, increase the risk of serious illness, and raise the chance of vaccine administration errors.

All vaccines required by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services are required by Western Wake Pediatrics. Families who do not follow the required schedule will need to transition care to another practice that better aligns with their preferences. We will assist in transferring medical records to ensure continuity of care.

For established patients:

- Families with children who began care at our practice before **January 1, 2019**, or who had a provider-approved alternative vaccine agreement in place before **June 1, 2022**, may continue care under the terms of that agreement.
- These families must have a signed alternative vaccine schedule agreement on file and must remain up to date with the agreed schedule. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the practice.

Our providers are available to answer questions about vaccines and direct you to reliable, science-based resources. We are committed to partnering with families to provide high-quality, family-centered care.