

Primary Pediatrics Policy on Vaccinations

At Primary Pediatrics, we take pride in providing excellent quality care for your children. Our physicians and nurse practitioners work diligently to keep up to date in the latest recommendations and guidelines in order to make sure that your children are always receiving the best medical care possible.

Our governing board, the American Academy of Pediatrics, has been charged with establishing policies and making recommendations to keep children safe and healthy. Many years of research and evidence has gone into their recommendations, which we then, in turn, base our practice guidelines on.

At Primary Pediatrics, we firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illnesses and save lives. We believe in the safety of vaccines and that all children should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). In addition, we believe, based on all the available literature and evidence, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities. All of the children of our physicians and nurse practitioners have been fully vaccinated.

--All children must receive all vaccines recommended by the AAP that are mandated for school entry by the State of Kentucky, as well as the complete Hib and Prevnar series, to be started and completed by the AAP window.

--Exceptions to the AAP window include Hepatitis B, Influenza, HPV, & Meningitis B

- Hepatitis B must be completed by 2 years of age

- Influenza is recommended yearly for all children over the age of 6 months, but is not mandatory at this time

- HPV is strongly recommended for all teenagers, but is not mandatory at this time

- Meningitis B is recommended for all patients leaving for college, but is not required at this time

--If a parent wishes to limit their child's vaccines to only one or two at a time, this will be allowed as long as completed within the recommended AAP window (willing to come in weekly or monthly to make sure they stay on schedule), and must be discussed with a provider prior to starting

The CDC guidelines for vaccinations can be found at

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/index.html>

For more information, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>

<http://www2.aap.org/immunization>

<http://www.immunize.org>