

PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES VACCINATION POLICY



Statement of Intent: Pediatric Associates (PA) expects all children to be vaccinated.

Immunizing patients against preventable diseases is a critical component of high-quality medical care. In order to provide excellent care and a safe medical home for all patients, Pediatric Associates is establishing a vaccination minimum standard.

While there is only one approved vaccine schedule, as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP); if patients/parents are demonstrating a commitment to be vaccinated in accordance with the guidelines listed below, they may continue to be patients of the practice.

Effective Date: September 1, 2017

Policy:

1. All Pediatric Associates patients should be vaccinated according to the American Academy of Pediatrics endorsed vaccine schedule.
2. For any existing patient who is not currently immunized according to the AAP schedule, the practice has moved to a minimum standard vaccine schedule noted in the table below.
 - a. Existing patients who are not currently being vaccinated according to this minimum standard will be given 1 year from the effective date of this policy to begin and maintain timely vaccination.
3. New Patients who refuse all vaccines will be counseled on the requirement to vaccinate if they wish to continue as Pediatric Associates patients
 - a. New patients who join PA as a newborn must begin the minimum standard vaccination schedule by their 2 month well visit.
 - b. New patients, who join PA at any other age, must begin vaccination by their next well visit.
4. If patients/parents cannot commit to this minimum vaccination standard, then Pediatric Associates will no longer be able to commit to being their pediatric health care provider.
 - a. Once a patient or parent notifies Pediatric Associates of their decision to refuse vaccination according to the minimum standard, we will initiate the process necessary to smoothly transition the patient to another primary care practice.