

Preferred Pediatrics

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IMMUNIZATION POLICY

Preferred Pediatrics is dedicated to the healing and wellness of our patients. Preferred Pediatrics top concern is to ensure that our patients, staff, and the community promote health and safety. We recognize there is a concern about immunizations being safe.

Pediatricians' partner with parents to provide the best care for their children, and what is best for children is to be fully vaccinated. Immunizations are overwhelmingly safe. There is no controversy regarding the safety and efficiency of immunizations.

The healthcare providers of Preferred Pediatrics:

- Require that patients be immunized according to the CDC recommended schedule.
- Require that immunizations be given at the first well visit per the CDC recommended schedule.
- Any discussion specifically regarding immunizations needs to be a separate office visit to allow time to properly educate and review the recommended schedule.

There are medically recognized contradictions that will be an exception determined by the provider.

Other exceptions are:

- Vaccine is not available at the time of office visit.
- Patient is experiencing a severe illness within 24 hours of scheduled immunization.
- Patient does not meet the approved age requirements

Influenza immunizations are highly recommended but not required; due to difficulties every year, supply, and effectiveness.

Any missed immunizations will be administered at the next appropriate visit.

Preferred Pediatrics will try to honor alternate immunization schedules by an outside pediatrician. Alternate schedules can be used if the patient/parent and provider both agree on the alternate schedule.

Preferred Pediatrics acknowledges your rights as parents/guardians to make any and all healthcare decisions for your children. The American Academy of Pediatrics emphasizes the safety and importance of vaccines.

If you cannot comply with this policy, we respectfully cannot provide healthcare at our facility. We will be able to provide your child's medical record to another clinic directly with no fee. We cannot make referrals to another provider who may accept non-vaccinated patients.

If you would like more information on immunizations, please visit our web page for a list of websites.