



Refusal to vaccinate policy

Kids First Pediatrics follows the immunization schedule approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

As stated by the CDC:

- “Benefits of vaccination include partial or complete protection against infection for the vaccinated person and overall benefits to society as a whole. Benefits include protection from symptomatic illness, improved quality of life and productivity, and prevention of death.
- “Vaccines are recommended for members of the youngest age group at risk for experiencing the disease for whom efficacy and safety have been demonstrated.”

As stated by the AAP:

- “Millions of children have been protected against serious illnesses because they were immunized. Most childhood vaccines are 90% to 99% effective in preventing disease. When a large majority of children have been vaccinated, it is expected that most who get the disease will have been vaccinated. And if a vaccinated child does get the disease, the symptoms are usually milder with less serious side effects or complications than in a child who hasn't been vaccinated.”

While we respect that your beliefs may differ from those of the staff at Kids First Pediatrics, we can not risk the health of our other patients or staff members due to unvaccinated patients who can spread diseases.

It is our policy that all patients of Kids First Pediatrics must begin their immunizations no later than two months of age or within two months from your initial visit. An alternative vaccine schedule must be discussed and agreed upon with your provider. Please be advised that if you choose not to immunize your child, we will ask that you find a physician or provider that will accommodate your needs.

Thank you for your understanding.

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