

At Pediatric Associates we believe strongly in the importance of vaccines for keeping our patients safe and healthy. All of our providers follow the vaccination schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. We have included information about your child's first vaccines for your review. Please discuss with your provider if you have any questions or concerns. We have also included some helpful resources for reliable vaccine information below:

-www.chop.edu/vaccine-education-center

-healthychildren.org

-section about Immunizations under Safety & Prevention

Families who choose not to follow the recommended schedule should be advised of the following:

-At each well-child visit, your provider will discuss the recommended vaccines. The practice requires families to sign a Vaccine Refusal Form for any vaccines that are declined at each visit.

-When your child is ill, you may be required to wait in your vehicle instead of the waiting room to avoid exposing other patients to potentially serious diseases

-When your child is ill, the physician may recommend more extensive evaluation due to their increased risk of serious illness. This may include specialized tests that would require them to be evaluated in the emergency department instead of our office.

-Our providers reserve the right to dismiss families from the practice who choose not to vaccinate their children and/or do not communicate a reasonable plan for catch-up with their provider