

Chicago Area Pediatrics Vaccination Policy

1. All children must receive all vaccines recommended by the AAP that are mandated for school entry by the State of Illinois.

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/prevention-wellness/immunization>

2. All children must begin receiving their immunizations at 2 months and be up-to-date on all required vaccines (including MMR and Varicella) by the age of 2 years.

3. Patients must use the immunizations schedule recommended by the CDC and AAP unless there is a medical reason (religious or philosophical exemptions will not be accepted):

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>

4. Exceptions for the AAP window include: Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Influenza and HPV

5. The Hepatitis B series must be completed by the time of school entry.

6. The Hepatitis A series, although strongly recommended by our physicians, may be deferred until such time that Illinois requires it for school entry.

7. The influenza vaccine is strongly recommended yearly for all children over the age of 6 months. It is not mandatory at this time.

8. The HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine series is approved and strongly recommended for older children and teens, ideally between the ages of 9 and 12. It is not mandatory at this time.

9. Parents or caregivers who do not agree with the Chicago Area Pediatrics vaccine policy will be given 1 month grace period to find another Pediatric practice. Please recognize that by not vaccinating your child or using alternative or delayed vaccine schedules, you are putting your child and others at unnecessary risk of life-threatening illness and disability, even death.

10. Chicago Area Pediatrics will not continue to complete WIC forms for families who are not current on vaccines unless they agree to an approved "catch-up" schedule.

Patients' Names and DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date: _____
