



Vaccination Policy

We advocate following the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendations for the immunization of children. Vaccines protect children and their families and friends from dangerous and life threatening diseases. Each vaccine has been thoroughly studied, approved and recommended by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Center for Disease Control (CDC). The term vaccine and immunization are typically used interchangeably but vaccination is when a vaccine is administered to you and immunization is what is achieved after the vaccine is administered to you. The state of Oklahoma also has required childhood vaccines for daycare/ preschool/ school entry and we do not recommend delaying or refusing any of these vaccines.

We recommend the following websites to assist you as you learn about the benefits of vaccinations for your child:

- <https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/immunizations/Pages/Immunizations-home.aspx>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/default.htm>
- <http://www.fda.gov/biologicsbloodvaccines/vaccines/default.htm>
- <https://nccih.nih.gov/health/vaccinations>

OUR OFFICE POLICY:

- Childhood vaccines are scheduled to be given at 2mo, 4mo, 6mo, 12mo, 15mo, 18mo, 4yr, 11yr and 16yr well child exams.
- We provide Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS) at every well child exam and discuss what the vaccine is, the protection it provides and any normal side effects to expect.
- Childhood vaccines required by the state of Oklahoma for daycare/ preschool/ school entry must be started by age 6 months.
- We will accommodate a slow vaccine schedule if desired, although we don't recommend this schedule because it leaves your child vulnerable to disease and illness.
- We will also work with families in the event that a child is behind on vaccinations, building a catch-up schedule with no more than 5 injections at one visit.
- If you choose not to comply with our policy, we will regretfully ask you to seek medical care with another medical office whose philosophy meets your needs better.

***This policy EXCLUDES COVID vaccine, ANNUAL FLU vaccine and GARDASIL vaccine which are all recommended but not required.**

Signature of parent/ legal guardian: _____

Date: _____

Relationship: _____