

For the protection of your child and others

Vaccine Policy

Effective January 1st, 2012 Kids First Pediatrics on 30 policy on vaccination is as follows:

Because all available scientific evidence favors vaccinating according to the schedule set forth by the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and ACIP, and because **not following this schedule can potentially harm other children in our office & elsewhere (this can & has happened in other offices, e.g. San Diego California & NE Indiana) by unnecessarily exposing them to vaccine-preventable diseases:**

- We will no longer see families who choose not to vaccinate their children according to the recommended schedule*
- We will no longer follow “Alternative Vaccine Schedules”
- Patients who currently use such schedules will need to follow the recommended catch-up schedule* should they continue to choose our doctors for their child’s pediatrician

As healthcare providers, it is our responsibility to protect as many children from disease as possible. Vaccines are one of the greatest advances in medicine in that they have saved countless millions of lives and illnesses. All vaccines have been, and continued to be studied for potential harmful effects, and in most cases vaccines are developed and tested for at least a decade before being used routinely. No current available studies support the idea of vaccines causing harm, and no data supports the use of schedules other than that set forth by the CDC, AAP, and ACIP. Parents who choose not to have their children vaccinated according to guidelines not only put their children at risk of getting sick, but also indirectly put other children at risk. This is why we feel strongly that the best way to protect the health of all children in our practice is to ensure that everyone follows the recommended schedule*.

Please feel free to discuss any questions that you have about this policy with your provider.

*flu and HPV vaccines will remain optional, however, they are important vaccines and parents should discuss them fully with their Dr before declining them