

Arlington Pediatric Associates

Vaccine Policy

Arlington Pediatric Associates wants to maintain a safe environment where our families can receive exceptional medical care compliant with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We believe that vaccines are safe, effective and save lives. We will not accept new patients who do not plan to immunize their children. Existing patients who are not adequately vaccinated are asked to schedule an appointment with their primary care provider to work together to formulate a plan to immunize their children. This is because not vaccinating puts your child and other children at unnecessary risk for illness, disability and even death.

Choosing not to vaccinate or to under-vaccinate puts your child at risk and puts our young and chronically ill children who are unable to receive the vaccines due to medical contraindications at risk. Vaccination of the majority of the population leads to herd immunity, where the immunization of most leads to greater protection for all.

This policy is not intended to scare or coerce any family but rather to emphasize the importance of vaccinations. Arlington Pediatrics recognizes that the choice to vaccinate may be very personal for some parents. We commit to doing everything we can to help you understand that vaccinating according to our schedule is the safest thing for your child and our community. Please discuss any concerns you have with your pediatrician.

We believe strongly that vaccines are effective in preventing serious illness and saving lives, and we are dedicated to preventing illness for our families. We believe that the vaccines we provide are safe and that all children should receive all of the recommended vaccines published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control. The recommended vaccines and schedule are the result of many years of scientific research.

Every pediatrician at Arlington Pediatrics has vaccinated their own children fully and on time, following the schedule created by the AAP and CDC. We passionately believe that vaccinating children in a timely manner is the best choice for all children. Thank you for taking the time to read this policy and please discuss any concerns you may have with any of our pediatricians.