



Vaccine Statement

Immunizing children and young adults is the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers. Your child's health and well-being is our foremost concern and motivation for this statement.

All children and young adults should be vaccinated according to the schedule established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics. There is no accepted alternative schedule. These recommendations are reviewed and updated annually. We firmly believe vaccines are safe and effective.

Parents have many questions when it comes time to vaccinate their children. We are happy to address parent questions and concerns. It is our policy to provide parents with the most up to date CDC Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS) and to discuss the possible side effects at each visit for vaccinations.

Parents who refuse to vaccinate compromise our ability to protect and care for their children, and place the lives and health of other vulnerable children at risk. CAP will not accept new patients whose parents do not intend to vaccinate at all in the first year or wish to deviate from the recommended vaccine schedule in a way that could be harmful to that child or other children in our community.

We deeply appreciate the trust parents place in us and look forward to partnering with parents to provide the best healthcare for their children.

Sincerely,

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For further information we refer you to the following sources:

American Academy of Pediatrics
(www.aap.org/healthtopics/immunizations.cfm and www.cispimmunize.org)

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
(www.vaccine.chop.edu)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
(www.cdc.gov/vaccines)

Every Child By Two
(www.vaccinateyourbaby.org)

Immunization Action Coalition
(www.immunize.org)