



## Vaccine Statement

Immunizing children and young adults against life threatening diseases is the most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers. Your child's health and well-being are the foremost concerns and motivation for this statement.

All children and young adults should be vaccinated according to the schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. This schedule is reviewed and updated annually. We firmly believe that all vaccines in this schedule are safe and effective.

Parents have many questions regarding vaccinating their children. We are happy to address parents' questions and concerns. It is our policy to provide parents access to the most up to date Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS) and to discuss any possible side effects of vaccines given.

There is no accepted alternative vaccine schedule. Parents who refuse to vaccinate or deviate from the established schedule 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 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.

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

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### **Trusted sources:**

**American Academy of Pediatrics**

[www.AAP.org/immunizationschedule](http://www.AAP.org/immunizationschedule)

**Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**

<https://www.chop.edu/vaccine-education-center>

**Vaccinate Your Family**

<https://vaccinateyourfamily.org/>

**Immunization Action Coalition**

<https://www.immunize.org/>