



Vaccine Policy Statement

We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.

We firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines.

We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as healthcare providers, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and schedule are the results of centuries of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

We recognize that the choice may be an emotional one for some families. We will educate and reassure that vaccinating according to the schedule is the right thing to do. However, should you have doubts, please discuss these with your healthcare provider during your visit. In some cases, we may alter the schedule to accommodate parental concerns or reservations. Please be advised that delaying or “breaking up the vaccines” to give one or two at a time over multiple visits go against expert recommendations. It can put your child at risk for serious illness (or even death) and goes against our medical advice as providers at PAHP.

By 6 months –

- (3) DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- (3) Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae)
- (1) Polio
- (3) Pneumococcal (Prevnar 20)
- (3) Rotavirus (Rotateq)



By 1 year (12 months) –

- (3) DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- (3) Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae)
- (2) Polio
- (3) Pneumococcal (Pevnar 20)
- (3) Rotavirus (Rotateq)
- (2) Hepatitis B
- (1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

By 18 months –

- (4) DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- (4) Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae)
- (2) Polio
- (4) Pneumococcal (Pevnar 20)
- (3) Rotavirus (Rotateq)
- (3) Hepatitis B
- (1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- (1) Varicella

By 2 years (24 months) –

- (4) DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis)
- (4) Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae)
- (3) Polio
- (4) Pneumococcal (Pevnar 20)
- (3) Rotavirus (Rotateq)
- (3) Hepatitis B
- (1) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- (1) Varicella

If you should refuse to vaccinate your child, we will ask you to find another health-care provider who shares your views. We do not keep a list of such providers, nor do we recommend any. Please recognize that by not vaccinating you are putting your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness, disability, and even death. As medical professionals we feel strongly that vaccinating your child on schedule is absolutely the right thing to protect all children and young adults. Thank you for taking the time to read this policy. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us.