



### **Wright Pediatrics Vaccine Policy Statement**

At Wright Pediatrics we treat your children as though they were our own. While we recognize that some families have concerns regarding vaccines and will do our best to answer any questions that you have, our facility follows the vaccination schedule recommended by the Center for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

- We firmly believe in the safety and efficacy of the vaccines we administer
- We firmly believe that that all children and young adults should receive all of the vaccines according to the recommended schedule
- We firmly believe, based on all available current medical literature, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.
- We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults is likely the single-most important health-promotion intervention that we perform as health care providers and parents/guardians.

The recommended vaccines and the schedule in which they are given are the results of decades of scientific study, collection of data, and constant scrutiny by thousands of the brightest scientists and physicians. Unfortunately, the vaccine campaign is a victim of its own success. Because vaccines are so effective at preventing illness, many laypeople have never seen or known anybody who has had a severe outcome from a vaccine-preventable illness. Because vaccines have greatly reduced the prevalence of these illnesses in our communities, many are under the impression that vaccine-preventable illnesses no longer exist, but this is completely untrue. Communities all over the globe experience outbreaks of vaccine-preventable illnesses every year when vaccines are not available to children or when large groups of parents fail to vaccinate their children by choice.

Refusing to vaccinate your child according to the CDC schedule goes against our ideology as a group of medical professionals. New patients who have not previously been vaccinated according to the CDC schedule should have a plan in place to catch up vaccines within 30 days of seeing one of our providers. If after 30 days of seeing one of our providers parents or guardians refuse to vaccinate, you will be given 30 days to find a different provider who agrees with alternative vaccine schedules. Please understand that we want you to be comfortable with giving your child vaccines and our providers will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

Please keep in mind that we are a professional and ethical office. We will NEVER give your child a vaccination without your expressed consent. All of the Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) are

available in the patient rooms inside the cabinets for your review. Personal copies are available upon request. If you have other questions, concerns or would like to review other resources, please refer to:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index.html>
- <https://www.healthychildren.org/english/safety-prevention/immunizations/pages/default.aspx>
- <https://vaccineinformation.org/>
- And my personal favorite: <https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center>

Vaccines	Birth	1 mo	2 mos	4 mos	6 mos	9 mos	12 mos	15 mos	18 mos	19-23 mos	2-3 yrs	4-6 yrs	7-10 yrs	11-12 yrs	13-15 yrs	16-18 yrs
Hepatitis B <sup>1</sup> (HepB)	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose							3 <sup>rd</sup> dose							
Rotavirus <sup>2</sup> (RV) RV-1 (2-dose series); RV-5 (3-dose series)			1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	See footnote 2											
Diphtheria, tetanus, & acellular pertussis <sup>3</sup> (DTaP: <7 yrs)			1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	3 <sup>rd</sup> dose				4 <sup>th</sup> dose			5 <sup>th</sup> dose				
Tetanus, diphtheria, & acellular pertussis <sup>4</sup> (Tdap: ≥7 yrs)														(Tdap)		
Haemophilus influenzae type b <sup>5</sup> (Hib)			1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	See footnote 5				3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> dose see footnote 5							
Pneumococcal conjugate <sup>6a</sup> (PCV13)			1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	3 <sup>rd</sup> dose				4 <sup>th</sup> dose							
Pneumococcal polysaccharide <sup>6b</sup> (PPSV23)																
Inactivated poliovirus <sup>7</sup> (IPV) (<18 years)			1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose					3 <sup>rd</sup> dose			4 <sup>th</sup> dose				
Influenza <sup>8</sup> (IV; LAIV) 2 doses for some: see footnote 8										Annual vaccination (IV only)						Annual vaccination (IV or LAIV)
Measles, mumps, rubella <sup>9</sup> (MMR)									1 <sup>st</sup> dose			2 <sup>nd</sup> dose				
Varicella <sup>10</sup> (VAR)									1 <sup>st</sup> dose			2 <sup>nd</sup> dose				
Hepatitis A <sup>11</sup> (HepA)										2-dose series see footnote 11						
Human papillomavirus <sup>12</sup> (HPV2: females only; HPV4: males and females)																(3 dose series)
Meningococcal <sup>13</sup> (Hib-MenCY ≥ 6 wks; MCV4-Dz: 9 mos; MCV4-CRM ≥ 2 yrs.)																1 <sup>st</sup> dose

Range of recommended ages for all children

Range of recommended ages for catch-up immunization

Range of recommended ages for certain high-risk groups

Range of recommended ages during which catch-up is encouraged and for certain high-risk groups

Not routinely recommended