

Northeast Pediatric Associates Vaccine Policy

At Northeast Pediatric Associates, our highest priority is the health and safety of all children in our care. Vaccination is one of the most effective ways to prevent serious illness, disability, and death from infectious diseases. Because we care for infants, children with chronic illnesses, and those with weakened immune systems, maintaining a fully vaccinated patient population helps protect not only individual children but also our entire community.

The Benefits of Vaccination

Vaccines have dramatically reduced or eliminated many dangerous childhood diseases, including measles, polio, meningitis, and whooping cough. Immunizations recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) are carefully studied for safety and effectiveness. Following the recommended vaccine schedule provides children with protection at the ages when they are most vulnerable to these illnesses. There is no evidence that delaying the schedule or spacing out vaccines is beneficial; in fact, there is evidence of potential harm in doing so.

Risks of Remaining Unvaccinated

Children who are not vaccinated are at significantly higher risk of contracting and spreading preventable diseases. These infections can cause severe complications, including hospitalization, permanent disability, and death. Unvaccinated individuals also pose a risk to infants who are too young to be vaccinated and to patients with medical conditions that prevent them from receiving certain vaccines.

Our Practice Policy

Because of these risks and our commitment to protecting all patients in our practice, Northeast Pediatric Associates follows the routine immunization schedule recommended by the AAP, unless a documented medical contraindication exists. We strongly encourage families to vaccinate their children on time and are always happy to discuss questions or concerns about vaccines.

However, if a family chooses not to vaccinate their children according to the recommended schedule, our practice may not be the best fit for their healthcare needs. In such cases, we respectfully ask that the family establish care with another medical provider who can better accommodate their preferences.

Our Commitment

We believe that vaccination is an essential part of responsible pediatric healthcare. Our goal is to provide evidence-based care that protects the health of every child in our practice and in our community. Vaccines have been extensively studied over many years and millions of patients. They have been proven safe and effective. According to current evidence, vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

If you have questions about vaccines, our providers are always available to discuss them with you.