

PEDIATRIC VACCINATION POLICY

Primary Care Partners of South Bend, LLC (PCPSB) providers believe strongly in the safety and efficacy of routine childhood vaccinations and think that vaccinations are an essential element of quality medical care for pediatric patients. Further, we acknowledge risks to others when they are exposed to possible vaccine preventable diseases in the unvaccinated or under-vaccinated person.

1. We will follow the recommended childhood vaccine schedule as published by the Center for Disease Control and American Committee for Immunization Practices (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>). This vaccine schedule is recognized and approved by both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.
2. Though we believe that giving multiple vaccines during one encounter according to above schedule is safe and reasonable, we understand that there may be reasons for a family to request an alternative vaccine schedule which would include fewer vaccines per visit. In these instances, we will document specific requested alternative vaccine schedule in the medical record to help ensure that all vaccines are given. If appointments are not routinely made to follow through on this mutually accepted alternative schedule, we reserve the right to ask families to seek primary care elsewhere.
3. We recognize and respect the parents' role as ultimate decision maker for their child's healthcare. However, in the instance where a wholesale decision is made to decline recommended childhood vaccinations, a therapeutic partnership cannot be forged. In these cases, PCPSB will ask non-vaccinating families to seek primary care elsewhere.