

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PARTNERS
VACCINATION POLICY

The doctors of Children's Health Partners strongly believe the following:

- Vaccinating your child may be the single most important thing we can do to help keep your child healthy.
- It is our responsibility to protect as many children as possible from disease.
- The recommended vaccines are safe.
- Vaccines are extremely effective at preventing serious illness and saving lives.
- Vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.
- The safety and effectiveness of vaccination is supported by an overwhelming amount of scientific research.
- All children and adolescents should receive all of the recommended vaccinations according to the schedule published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Vaccines are a victim of their own success. Most people have never seen a vaccine preventable disease and because of this, some people underestimate the devastating complications.
- Open dialogue between the patient's family and doctor is critical regarding concerns about vaccination.
- Splitting and delaying vaccinations allows children to go unprotected from preventable illness and death for unnecessary periods of time.
- **IN ORDER TO BE A NEW PATIENT OR CONTINUE TO BE AN ESTABLISHED PATIENT AT CHP, YOUR CHILD MUST BE UP TO DATE WITH THE RECOMMENDED AAP VACCINE SCHEDULE.**

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Will you complete the State of Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption form?

No, we will not complete this form.

2. What if my child has a medical reason for which they can't be vaccinated?

Children may have medical reasons for not being vaccinated, i.e. they are undergoing chemotherapy for cancer or are immunosuppressed after an organ transplant. As long as these patients receive vaccines when they are medically indicated they are welcome at CHP.

3. What if my child is only missing one or two shots?

We require that our patients be up to date with all of the required vaccinations. These are DTaP, IPV, Hib, PCV, Hep B, MMR, VZV (Chicken Pox), Tdap, and Meningococcal vaccines. If you have a question about your child's immunization status, please call our office.

4. What about Covid, HPV, Hep A, Rotavirus, Meningococcal B and Influenza vaccines?

Although we recommend these vaccines and give them to our own kids, they are not required by the State of Illinois, so we have not made them mandatory for a patient to be cared for by CHP.