

South Lake Pediatrics Vaccine Guidelines

South Lake Pediatrics wants to give you and your family the very best care based on research. We follow the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). These guidelines offer children the most protection against serious illness during a time when they are most vulnerable.

What are the benefits of vaccinating my child?

We believe vaccinating children and adolescents is one of the most important services we offer to our patients because vaccines can prevent serious illness and save lives. Parents and caretakers may feel that the decision to vaccinate their child is a personal one, but not vaccinating can also affect the health of other children and adults.

What about the negative information I've heard?

We firmly believe vaccines are extremely safe and do not cause autism or harm to a child's learning, language or behavior. Our belief is based on research studies that show the benefits outweigh the risks of harm from vaccines. Thousands of scientists and doctors in our field have helped with the research and data collection to come up with the current schedule of vaccines.

Vaccines are safer today than they have ever been in history. It is completely safe to give multiple or combination vaccines at the same office visit. Due to vaccine administration, we don't often see some of the health issues unvaccinated patients may experience, such as hearing loss, brain damage, crippling conditions and even death.

What has changed at South Lake Pediatrics?

There is acknowledged risk that un/under-immunized children (kids who haven't gotten all of their shots) pose to others in our practice and communities. As pediatricians, we can no longer accept that risk. We will do everything we can to educate parents so that informed decisions regarding their child's health can be made. However, **a decision NOT to fully immunize the child on schedule could lead to the child's dismissal from the practice.**

Immunization guidelines are established to protect our patients and our staff and will improve the quality of care received and reduce the risk of vaccine errors. Please see the attached document for our practice vaccination schedule.

You may visit the AAP, CDC and the State of North Carolina websites for requirements for school and daycare attendance.

South Lake Pediatrics Immunization Protocol

1. New non-vaccinated patients will not be accepted into the practice.
2. All mandated vaccinations will be required.
3. Every new patient, newborn, or under/non-vaccinated established patient is to be notified upon next visit of vaccine policy. Any necessary education will be provided during this visit.
4. From time of notification, patient family has 30 days to comply with vaccine guidelines. If parent needs time to make their decision, a reminder message will be generated at time of initial visit by the provider and sent to triage team to call at end of 30 days for the patient's decision. Failure to comply could result in child's dismissal from the practice.
5. If a new or established under-vaccinated patient wishes to comply, AAP/CDC catch up guidelines will be used to get patient compliant in quickest manner possible. The family will be provided a copy of the child's NCIR print out and have the choice to get the recommended vaccinations that clinic day or schedule a nurse visit within the next 30 days. Subsequent visits should be scheduled with the provider or can be nurse visit based on provider discretion. Each visit after vaccinations are given a new NCIR print out will be provided to the parents and the next nurse visit will be scheduled based on the NCIR recommendations.
6. If a patient family does not comply with established catch up schedule, then they will get first warning (phone call and letter) regarding first missed appointment. Warning will advise they have 30 days to get back on schedule or risk dismissal at end of 30 days.

South Lake Pediatrics — Immunization Schedule (2019)

WCC	Immunizations
1 Month	None
2 Month	Pediarix - Prevnar - Rotateq – Hib- Hep B
4 Month	Pediarix - Prevnar - Rotateq - Hib
6 Month	Pediarix - Prevnar - Rotateq
9 Month	None (Flu if needed)
11-12 Month	Prevnar - MMR - Varicella
15 Month	DTap - Hib – Hep A
18 Month	Update Immunizations as Needed
2 Year	Hep A #2
3 Year	Update Immunizations as Needed
4-5 Year	Kinrix – MMR-Varicella (Proquad)
6 Year	Update Immunizations as Needed
8 Year	Update Immunizations as Needed
11-12 Year	Tdap- Menveo (Meningococcal) - Gardasil (HPV)
13-15 Year	Update Immunizations as Needed
16 Year	Menveo (Meningococcal)
17-18 Year	Update Immunizations as Needed

Combination Vaccines
Pediarix: DTap - Hep B - IPV
Kinrix: DTap - IPV
Proquad: MMR - Varicella

Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger, UNITED STATES, 2017.
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

NC Health and Human Services NC Immunization Requirements for Child Care and School.
http://www.immunize.nc.gov/family/nc_immnz_requirements.htm