



KidsWatch Pediatrics and Urgent Care Vaccination Policy

At KidsWatch Pediatrics and Urgent Care, our primary mission is the health and well-being of all children. We strongly believe that vaccination is the most effective way to protect children from serious and potentially life-threatening diseases. Our policy is based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics¹ (AAP).

Required Vaccinations:

To ensure the safety and health of all our patients, KidsWatch Pediatrics and Urgent Care requires all patients to be fully vaccinated according to the CDC's recommended childhood immunization schedule. This includes, but is not limited to, vaccinations for:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP)
- Polio
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- Rotavirus

Exceptions:

We recognize that there may be rare medical exceptions to this policy. These exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will require documentation from a qualified medical professional stating a specific medical contraindication to vaccination. Simply having concerns or philosophical objections to vaccines does not constitute a medical contraindication.

New Patients:

New patients will be required to provide documentation of their vaccination history at their first appointment. If a new patient is not up-to-date on their vaccinations, a plan will be developed with the parents/guardians to bring the child up to date according to the recommended schedule. We understand that sometimes catch-up schedules are needed, and we're happy to work with families on those.

Existing Patients:

Existing patients who are not fully vaccinated will be required to begin the vaccination process according to the recommended schedule. We are happy to discuss any concerns with you.

Non-Compliance:

If a parent or guardian refuses to comply with our vaccination policy without a valid medical contraindication, we will be unable to continue providing routine medical care for the child. We believe that this policy is essential to protect the health of all our patients, including those who are too young to be vaccinated or who have compromised immune systems. In these situations, we will provide referrals to other practices, if requested. We will, of course, provide care in emergency situations.

Shared Responsibility:

We understand that making decisions about your child's health is a serious matter. We encourage you to discuss any concerns you have with your child's physician. We are committed to providing you with evidence-based information about the safety and efficacy of vaccines. We believe that vaccination is a shared responsibility, and we are committed to working with parents to protect the health of all children in our community.

Policy Updates:

This vaccination policy may be updated periodically to reflect current medical recommendations and best practices. Any changes will be communicated to our patients.

Patient Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Guarentor/Parent Signature: _____

Guarentor/Parent Print: _____

Date: _____