

Harbor Pediatrics Vaccination Policy as of January 1, 2016

At Harbor Pediatrics, we believe that vaccinations are irreplaceable in protecting children from serious and life threatening diseases.

We also believe unvaccinated children pose a risk of spreading these serious diseases in our waiting room to other children who are either too young to be vaccinated or who are unable to be vaccinated because of medical conditions.

At Harbor Pediatrics over 90% of our families already choose to fully vaccinate their children.

All of the providers at Harbor Pediatrics strongly recommend vaccinations, and we have had all of our own children fully vaccinated as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. **At a minimum, for the sake of your child's health and for the health of our community and due to the highly infectious nature of these diseases, we are requiring that all patients in our practice receive the following vaccinations.**

By 1 year of life:

Complete the 3 dose series for the following diseases:

DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis -Whooping cough)

HiB (H. Flu. Meningitis)

Prevnar (Pneumococcal Meningitis)

Polio



By 2 years of life:

Complete the one dose for:

MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

And receive another booster dose for:

DTaP, Hib, and Prevnar

By entry into Kindergarten or by 6 years of age:

Complete the booster doses by receiving one more dose of:

MMR, Varicella, DTaP and Polio

We will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have and to share with you our own experiences in treating children with these diseases and in protecting thousands of others through vaccination.

As a practice and as individuals, we believe in vaccinations strongly. Therefore, if you still choose not to vaccinate your child, (without a valid medical reason) we will ask you to seek medical care from a different practice.

If an older child is unvaccinated or undervaccinated by the above standards, we would be happy to start them on an appropriate catch-up schedule to make sure they are fully protected. If that is not acceptable to your family, we would again have to ask you to establish care with another practice.

Thank you for the privilege to work with your family, and thank you for both protecting your children and making our community safer for all children.