

We are honored that you have chosen Premiere Pediatrics as the medical home for your children. Like you, we believe there is nothing more important than keeping your children healthy and safe. We understand that parents/guardians have questions and concerns regarding vaccines and our providers are happy to discuss these concerns with you. We acknowledge that the decision to vaccinate your child is a personal one, however these decisions don't simply affect individual children or even families, but entire communities. We, as pediatric providers AND parents, firmly trust and support the following based on scientific evidence:

- Vaccines are effective in preventing serious illness and saving lives.
- Vaccines are safer than ever before.
- Vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important intervention we perform to ensure the health and safety of children and adults in our community.
- The recommended vaccine schedule is the result of many years of scientific study and vaccine refusal or alternative vaccine schedules leave children at risk of serious illness and/or death.

The vaccine campaign is truly a victim of its own success. Because vaccines are so effective at preventing infections, most people have never seen children suffer or die due to polio, bacterial meningitis, tetanus, whooping cough, or even chickenpox. Such success can make us complacent, leading some to believe vaccines are unnecessary. That thought process, combined with widely spread but unsubstantiated anti-vaccine rhetoric, puts children at unnecessary risk.

Around the country, the actions of relatively few parents to decline vaccines have put the most vulnerable at risk. Life-threatening diseases such as measles and whooping cough are occurring more frequently. As pediatric health care providers, it is our responsibility to promote the safest possible environment for all of our patients, especially for those who are immunocompromised or unable to receive vaccines.

Therefore, after much discussion, effective January 1, 2025, Premiere Pediatrics Vaccine Policy is as follows:

1. All patients should receive all recommended vaccines according to the CDC/AAP [vaccine schedule](#) unless there is a documented [medical contraindication](#).
2. We will not accept new patients older than 3 years old who have not received any vaccines.

3. Parents will be given until the 3-year checkup to initiate vaccines. If vaccines are not initiated at that time, patients will be required to find another pediatric health care provider.
4. We do not recommend alternative vaccine schedules. If parents plan for their children to receive all vaccines but on an alternative schedule, we will do our best to work with you, with the goal being that children are fully vaccinated as soon as possible. **Children must complete all vaccines required for school by age 5. If vaccines are not complete by age 5, patients will be required to find another pediatric health care provider.**
5. Families established with Premiere Pediatrics prior to January 1, 2025 will be grandfathered under our previous policy.
6. Patients found to be in violation of the policy may continue to be seen in our office for 30 days after being informed of the policy verbally and in writing.

Parent Signature

Date