

Vaccine Policy Statement

We believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent illness and to save lives. We believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Center for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, we believe in the safety of our vaccines. Research has proven that vaccines do not cause Autism or other developmental disabilities. The recommended vaccines and their schedule are the result of years of scientific studies and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

Should you have doubts, please discuss them with your provider at your visit. Please be advised that delaying or “spacing out” vaccines go against expert recommendations and can put your child at risk for serious illness.

Finally, if you should choose not to vaccinate your child or wish to “space them out”, we will ask you to find another physician who shares your philosophy of medicine.

Check-up & Immunization Schedule

The doctors agree with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics for Well Child visits/checkups.

Newborn Visit: 48-72 hours after discharge for a weight check and feeding concerns

1 week: Weight check/feeding concerns

1 month: Weight check, Hepatitis B Vaccine (if not given within the first month of life)

2 months: Checkup & Vaccines - Vaxelis (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, HIB, and Hepatitis B), Pneumococcal, Rotavirus

4 months: Checkup & Vaccines - Vaxelis (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, HIB, and Hepatitis B), Pneumococcal, Rotavirus

6 months: Checkup & Vaccines - Vaxelis (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, HIB, and Hepatitis B), Pneumococcal, Rotavirus

9 months: Checkup, Growth & Development, Catch up on any delayed vaccines

12 months: Checkup, Hemoglobin, Lead Screening & Vaccines – MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella), Varicella, Hepatitis A, Hgb/Lead

Check-up & Immunization Schedule (cont.)

15 months: Checkup & Vaccines – Daptacel (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis), Hib (Haemophilus Influenza B), Pneumococcal

18 months: Checkup, Autism Screening & Vaccines – Hepatitis A

2 years: Checkup, Autism Screening, Lead Screening, and Hemoglobin

2 ½ years: Checkup

3 years: Checkup, Growth & Development

4 years: Checkup & Vaccines – MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella), Varicella, Quadracel (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, and Polio)

5 years: Checkup & catchup on delayed boosters

6-10 years: Annual Checkup

11 years: Checkup & Vaccines - Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) Meningococcal ACWY (1st Dose), optional HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) series

12-15 years: Annual Checkup

16 years: Checkup & Vaccines - Meningococcal ACWY (2nd Dose), optional Meningococcal B Series

17-21 years: Annual Checkup

Flu Shots for ages 6 months and older prior to Flu season (available in October).

All regular well child checkups also include screenings for developmental milestones, autism, depression and health risks which are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Bright Futures guidelines.

Office Hours

Weekdays – 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday (Sick Visits) 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

During your child's life, we know that many questions will arise. Our staff is available during normal office hours to answer routine questions as well as requests for medication refills, appointments and explanations of bills. Dosing for Tylenol and Motrin can be found on our website at oceanspeds.com.

After Hours

For true emergencies after hours, one of our providers will be available by phone. However, we kindly request that routine calls be reserved for regular business hours.

To reach us after hours, call the main number and listen to the recorded message. Please listen to the prompts carefully. You will be contacted within one hour after leaving your message. If you have not been called within one hour, an error may have occurred, so please try again.

We also recommend “Nicklaus Children’s Urgent Care” located at 11310 Legacy Ave. Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

HCA Palms West Hospital Pediatric ER for emergencies.

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