



Summit Pediatrics Immunization Policy

Effective January 1, 2015

At Summit Pediatrics, we are dedicated to providing our patients the best possible medical care. We are committed to practicing medicine in compliance with the evidence-based practices established by national advisory organizations that include the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control, and the American Council on Immunization Practices. As pediatricians, we seek to help your child when they are ill, but the heart of what we do is work with parents to prevent illness. We believe that immunizing children and young adults may be the single most important preventative intervention we perform as health care providers and that you can perform as parents. Parents who choose not to immunize their children not only put their own child at risk of serious illness, but also all other children who are exposed to that child. We want our patients and their families to feel safe in our office, and not fear exposure to a preventable, deadly disease in our waiting room.

Based on all current scientific evidence, in numerous medical studies involving millions of children spanning multiple decades, it has been overwhelmingly shown that immunizations are safe and effective. Immunizations are necessary to prevent many serious, even deadly, illnesses.

Therefore, patients of Summit Pediatrics who are un-immunized or under-immunized have these options:

1. You may begin immunizations as recommended by the CDC's immunization "catch-up" schedule. We will happily work with you to create a personalized immunization schedule for your child. You will be expected to begin to comply with that schedule within ninety days.
2. If you feel you cannot follow the recommendations for immunizations, we respectfully ask you to transfer your care from Summit Pediatrics to a health care provider who shares your views. Since we would not recommend a health care provider who doesn't follow evidence-based recommendations, we do not keep a list of such providers.

Summit Pediatrics only accepts new patients who are either fully immunized (for age) or who will begin the CDC recommended "catch-up" immunizations schedule. Newborns will be expected to begin immunizations at their 2 month old well visit.

We recognize that this decision may be a very emotional one for some parents. We respect the rights of all parents to make decisions for their children. We understand that you, like us, want what is best for your child. If you do not plan on having your infant and child immunized as recommended by the CDC and required for daycare and school entry, then we respectfully ask you to find a physician who is willing to take this risk with you. We encourage you to contact us with questions or concerns about immunizations that you wish to address with us. Please schedule a separate appointment to discuss these concerns before your child is due for immunizations.

We look forward to serving your family with the best medical care possible. To learn more about Summit Pediatrics, please visit our website at www.summitdoctors.com or contact our office for more information at 816-525-2800 ext. 321.

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Immunization and Preventative Care Schedule

<u>Age</u>	<u>Well Child Exams /Immunizations</u>
3-5 Day	Physical Exam
1 Month	Physical Exam
2 Months	Physical Exam Pediatrix, Rotarix, HIB, PCV
4 Months	Physical Exam Pediatrix, Rotarix, HIB, PCV
6 Months	Physical Exam Pediatrix, HIB, PCV
9 Months	Physical Exam
12 Months	Physical Exam MMR, Varicella, Hep A
15 Months	Physical Exam DTAP, HIB, PCV
18 Months	Physical Exam Hep A
2 year	Physical Exam
2.5 year	Physical Exam
3 year	Physical Exam
4-5 Year	Annual Physical Exams ProQuad, Kinrix
6-10 Year	Annual Physical Exams May need catch-up doses of Hep A & Varivax
11-15 Year	Annual Physical Exams Tdap, MenB, MCV, HPV
16-18 Year	Annual Physical Exams MenB, MCV

Immunization Key

Combo Vaccines

Pediatrix = Dtap, Hep B, IPV

ProQuad = MMR, Varicella

Kinrix = Dtap, IPV

Individual Vaccines

DTaP = Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular Pertussis Vaccine

Hep A = Hepatitis A Vaccine

Hep B = Hepatitis B Vaccine

Hib = Haemophilus influenzae Type b Vaccine

HPV = Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

IPV = Inactivated Polio Vaccine

MenB = Meningococcal B Vaccine

MCV = Meningococcal A,C,Y,W Vaccine

MMR = Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine

PCV = Pneumococcal Vaccine

Rotarix = Rotavirus Vaccine

Tdap = Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis Vaccine

Varivax = Chickenpox Vaccine

*Hep A, Influenza, & HPV are not required Immunizations at MO public schools but still highly recommended by AAP.