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Immunization Policy

Comprehensive Childcare asks that our patients all follow the **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Vaccination Schedules and Requirements**. Along with these safe and proven vaccines, we strongly encourage children to receive the annual Influenza vaccine (starting at 6 months of age) and for families to consider the COVID vaccine. Our nurses and providers will provide education and invite discussion with each patient and their family to make sure each patient is able, healthy, and on schedule to follow the vaccine requirements.

We expect children to have the following vaccines **by one year of age**:

These four immunizations are all given at 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months of age:

- **Pediarix:** protects against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, and Hepatitis B
- **Pneumococcal:** protects against severe pneumonia, brain, and blood infections
- **ActHib:** protects against severe throat, lung, blood, brain, and bone infections
- **Rotavirus** (oral): protects against severe diarrhea and dehydration

By two years of age, we expect children to have the following vaccines:

Between 12-15 months:

- **1st MMR:** protects against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- **1st Varicella:** protects against Chickenpox
- **1st Hepatitis A:** protects against illness from food- and water-borne hepatitis

Between 15-18 months:

- **4th DTap:** protects against Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis
- **4th ActHib:** protects against severe throat, lung, blood, brain, and bone infections
- **2nd Hepatitis A:** protects against illness from food- and water-borne hepatitis

By Kindergarten (age 5-6), we expect children to have the following vaccines:

These two immunizations are given after age 4 but before kindergarten:

- **MMRV:** Combined 2nd MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) and 2nd Varicella (Chickenpox)
- **Kinrix:** Combined 5th DTap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis) and 4th IPV (Polio)

Prior to 7th Grade, we expect children to have:

- **Tdap:** protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis

During **Middle and High School**, we recommend the following vaccines:

At 12-13 years old:

- **1st MenACWY:** protects against 4 types of meningitis
- **1st Gardasil:** protects against cancer-causing Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in boys and girls (can be given as early as 9 years old)

At 12-13 years old:

- **2nd Gardasil:** protects against cancer-causing Human Papillomavirus (HPV) in boys and girls

At 16 years old:

- **2nd MenACWY:** protects against 4 types of meningitis
- **1st MenB:** protects against most deadly form of meningitis

At 16-17 years old:

- **2nd MenB:** at least 6 months after first dose, protects against most deadly form of meningitis

Frequently Asked Questions:

What if my child cannot follow the recommended schedule or receive certain vaccines?

We will be able to determine eligibility and discuss options after reviewing your child's complete health record. In rare cases, the recommended vaccines and their schedules are not the best option for some children. In these instances, we will discuss safe alternatives for your child's specific needs.

What happens if families refuse the recommended vaccine schedule requirement?

It is your right to refuse our CCAPeds Vaccination Policy. If you are not able to vaccinate your child on a schedule that meets our 1-Year and 2-Year requirements, then we ask you to seek medical care at a different practice that aligns better with your intentions. We will give you 30 days' notice of the termination of care so you will have the time to set up alternative care. During this time, we will support that transition by making records available to your new medical provider.

Helpful links for more information about the recommended vaccines and schedules:

Comprehensive Childcare Associates website

<https://www.ccapeds.com/vaccines>

Healthy Children (from the American Academy of Pediatrics):

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Recommended-Immunization-Schedules.aspx>

Recommended Immunization schedule (from the American Academy of Pediatrics):

<https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP-Immunization-Schedule.pdf>