

Camelback Pediatrics Vaccine Policy

Camelback Pediatrics is a vaccinating practice. This means that we adhere to the evidence-based recommendations on vaccines published by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We recommend that all of our patients follow the recommended immunization schedule, and we stock these vaccines accordingly.

Even though Camelback Pediatrics remains bound by current scientific evidence, we are also a practice that is sensitive to the concerns of families. As such, we acknowledge that a few parents may desire to deviate from the recommended schedule. We pledge to work with families to assure that their concerns are addressed, as long as we can continue to protect our patients from diseases that may imminently threaten them and other patients with whom they are in contact. While all vaccines on the current recommended schedule are of high importance, certain vaccine-preventable diseases are more likely to be spread through airborne transmission or direct/indirect contact with respiratory secretions in a waiting room environment. Families receiving care at Camelback Pediatrics must, at minimum, abide by our recommended immunization schedule for selected vaccines, by which delays or exclusions may pose a significant health risk to other patients who may be exposed.

The following are our “hard-limits” for immunization standards at Camelback Pediatrics, whereby all patients must agree to receive these specific immunizations by the listed timeframe. **The vaccines listed below should not be interpreted in any way as being of greater importance than other vaccines not included on this list.**

Maximum Age Limit	HIB	DTaP / Tdap	PCV13	MMR	Varicella
3 months, 0 days	Dose #1	Dose #1	Dose #1		
5 months, 0 days	Dose #2	Dose #2	Dose #2		
7 months, 0 days	Dose #3	Dose #3	Dose #3		
16 months, 0 days				Dose #1	Dose #1
19 months, 0 days	Dose #4	Dose #4	Dose #4		
6 years, 0 days				Dose #2	Dose #2
12 years, 0 days		Tdap			

Current patients and patients transferring to our practice who are unimmunized or under immunized must agree to initiate a “catch-up” immunization plan according to the current AAP recommended immunization catch-up schedule. This catch-up must be completed by the current “hard-limits” established by our practice, when applicable, or by one year – whichever is the shorter time-frame.

We would prefer our parents to follow the recommended guidelines for “catch-up”. For parents wishing to “space-out” the vaccines, vaccines may have to be administered at 2 week intervals in order to comply our policy. Delays of greater than 4 weeks will result in patients being dismissed from Camelback Pediatrics.

Since trust is a fundamental component of the physician/patient relationship, families who do not adhere to our required immunization standards will not be permitted to remain as patients with our practice. Camelback Pediatrics will issue a formal notice of termination from our practice where, during the transition, we will see your child(ren) for acute conditions (sick visits). Within a 60-day time period from the date of the termination letter, you must transition your child(ren)'s care to another medical provider.

Medical conditions that prohibit vaccine administration occur, but our very rare. Examples of such include chemotherapy for cancer and severe immune deficiencies. Children with documentation of such conditions will, of course, be exempted from this policy.

We understand that our new policy will not be acceptable for some families. We want to express our gratitude to all parents who have entrusted the care of your children to us. We have tremendous respect for the hard and emotionally difficult work of parenting. It is our privilege to be on your team and we would be happy to discuss this with you at your next visit.