



VACCINE INFORMATION

Our Core Beliefs for Vaccinations

- We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and save the lives of the children that we serve.
- We firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines.
- We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and the Georgia Department of Public Health.
- We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence and current studies that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.
- We firmly believe that vaccinating children & young adults may be the single most important health promoting intervention we perform as health care providers, and that parents can perform as caregivers. The recommended vaccines and the vaccine schedule are the result of years and years of scientific study and data collection from millions of children by thousands of our best and brightest scientists and physicians.

What Vaccines Do

- **Hepatitis B:** protects against serious liver disease.
- **Rotavirus:** protects against the most common cause of diarrhea and vomiting in infants and young children.
- **DTaP:** protects against diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw) and pertussis (whooping cough).
- **Tdap:** protects teens and adults from tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.
- **Hib:** protects against Haemophilus influenza type B a major cause of spinal meningitis.

- **Varicella:** protects against chicken pox and its many complications including life threatening strep, staph toxic shock and encephalitis (an inflammation of the brain).
- **MMR:** protects against measles, mumps and rubella (German measles).
- **Hepatitis A:** protects against serious liver disease.
- **Pneumococcal:** protects against bacterial meningitis and infections of the blood.
- **Influenza:** protects against the Flu.
- **Meningococcal:** protects against very serious bacterial diseases that affect the brain, blood and spinal cord.
- **HPV:** for girls and women to protect against the viruses that cause genital warts or may cause cervical cancer, for boys and men to protect against the viruses that cause genital warts, rectal, and for both girls/boys, women/men for anal, oropharyngeal and other head and neck cancers.

We hope you understand our stance regarding vaccinations and the importance of them. At this time, we will not be accepting new patients who do not choose to receive immunizations.

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