



VACCINE STATEMENT

At Arbor Pediatrics, we affirm the following:

- Vaccines are safe.
- Vaccines are effective in preventing serious, life-threatening illnesses and certain types of cancer.
- All infants, children, and young adults should receive recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

As healthcare professionals, we have a responsibility to protect the health of all children in our community. Vaccinating children is one of the most important health promoting interventions we perform, both as healthcare providers and as parents and caregivers. The recommended vaccines and vaccine schedules are based on years of scientific study and extensive medical research by experts in immunology, public health, and other medical fields.

As medical professionals and your trusted partner in the care of your children, we maintain the following policies:

- New patients transferring to our practice who are under-immunized or on an “alternative schedule” will need to discuss a “catch-up” immunization plan with their clinician, according to current AAP recommendations.
- If you are an established family at Arbor Pediatrics and choose not to receive certain vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we will require you to sign a refusal-to-vaccinate form at each wellness exam, acknowledging the risks and confirming that you have been counseled about them.

Thank you for taking the time to review Arbor Pediatrics' Vaccine Statement. Our clinicians and staff look forward to partnering with you in the care of your children. We are grateful for the trust you have placed in us.