

BUILDING BLOCKS PEDIATRICS VACCINE POLICY

1. All children must receive all vaccines recommended by the AAP that are mandated for school entry by the State of Ohio (https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/9683ace0-573f-4ed3-b9d4-08d714d1fb85/School+Immunization+Summary+2019-2020.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18_M1HGGIK0N0JO00Q09DDDDM3000-) as well as the complete Hib and Prevnar series.
2. All infants must begin receiving their immunizations no later than the age of 6 months and be up-to-date on all required vaccines (including MMR and Varicella) by the age of 18 months.
3. Children will receive additional recommended 4-6 year old booster doses before they are 7 years old.
4. Children will be given recommended 11-12 year old vaccinations before they are 13 years old. This includes Tdap and meningococcal vaccine.
5. Teens will complete 16 year vaccinations before their 17th birthday.
6. We fervently recommend utilizing the immunization schedule as determined by the AAP and CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html#birth-15>
7. Exceptions for the CDC/AAP window include: Hepatitis A, Influenza, Gardasil and COVID vaccines.
8. The Hepatitis A series, although strongly recommended by our providers, may be deferred until such time that Ohio requires it for school entry.
9. The Influenza vaccine is strongly recommended yearly for all children over the age of 6 months, however it is not mandatory at this time.
10. The Gardasil (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine series is approved and strongly recommended for older children and teens, ideally between the ages of 11-13, but it is not mandatory at this time.
11. Parents or caregivers who don't agree with the Building Blocks Pediatrics vaccine policy will be asked to find another pediatrician office willing to share their views. We do not keep a list of such providers. We prefer to remain your child's pediatrician and will not dismiss any family who is actively working to properly vaccinate their children. Our staff of doctors and nurses is here to help. Please recognize that if you choose to not vaccinate you are putting your child and others at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, even death.