



VACCINE POLICY

At Anderson Family Care, we are passionate about the need for vaccinating children, including your children and our own children.

We firmly believe:

- in the safety of vaccines.
- in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.
- that all children and young adults should receive all recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, that neither vaccines nor thimerosal, a preservative which has been removed from infant vaccines, cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

Furthermore, we believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers and that parents can offer their children.

The recommended vaccines and their immunization schedule are the results of years of scientific study and data gathered on millions of children. We recognize that there has always been and will likely always be controversy surrounding vaccination, and the subject may be emotional for some parents. Our job as healthcare providers is to strongly encourage you to vaccinate your children based on the current recommended schedule. However, in some cases, we may alter the schedule to accommodate concerns or reservations. Please be advised, however, that delaying or “breaking up the vaccines” to give one or two at a time over two or more visits goes against expert recommendations, which can put your child at risk for serious illness (or even death) and goes against our medical advice. We believe very strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults, for everyone’s safety.

Trust is a very important part of the physician-patient-parent relationship. Unfortunately, not trusting your physician about the effectiveness and safety of vaccinations may lead to lack of trust regarding other aspects of pediatric care. We do not wish to put you or ourselves in that position. If you decide to refuse to vaccinate your child despite our strong recommendation, we kindly ask you to find an alternate health care provider.

If you do not wish to refuse vaccination, but simply want more education about the vaccines (e.g., what they do, when they are given, how the schedule is determined, etc.), we would love to talk to you about vaccines. Please feel free to make an appointment and Dr. Anderson can discuss this with you.

Please keep this document for your records.

Continuing with scheduled appointments after receiving this document will constitute acceptance of our vaccine policy.