



Children's Health Services Immunization Policy Effective January 1st, 2026

At Children's Health Services, we are committed to providing the best possible medical care to our patients.

Immunizations are one of the cornerstone elements of pediatric preventative medicine. We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.

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.

REQUIRED VACCINES

Because we are committed to protecting the health of your children through vaccination, we will require all of our patients to be vaccinated according to the primary vaccination series:

(hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, haemophilus influenzae type B, inactivated poliovirus, rotavirus, pneumococcal conjugate, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis A and meningococcal vaccines)

Our team is happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines.

DELAYED VACCINE SCHEDULES

We will continue to accommodate delayed vaccine schedules but will require at least 1 vaccine per well visit, with the first vaccine to be given at the latest at the 2 month well visit. You will still be required to sign a "Refusal to Vaccinate" acknowledgement when refusing a vaccine at the time that it is due without a true medical contraindication.

REFUSAL OF VACCINATION

In the event that the above outlined vaccine policy is not followed, we will ask you to find another healthcare provider.

EXISTING FAMILIES

If you established care at CHS before 1/1/2026, we will continue to provide care as always. Catching up on vaccines will be encouraged, but no existing patients will be discharged.

We will see a newborn sibling who is not receiving vaccines if their family has other siblings currently established in our practice.

We will not accept unvaccinated children born after January 1, 2026 unless their family already has children established in our practice.

RESOURCES & FURTHER QUESTIONS

We encourage you to utilize the listed resources below for further information on immunizations.

The Healthcare Providers of Children's Health Services

Vaccine Information Resources

CHOP Vaccine Education Resource Center: Specifically addresses common safety questions parents have, including questions about vaccine ingredients

www.healthychildren.org