VACCINE POLICY

Clay Platte Family Medicine
Summit Family and Sports Medicine
Barry Pointe Family Care

Clay-Platte Family Medicine Clinic, Summit Family and Sports Medicine, and Barry Pointe Family Care

Vaccine Policy (Updated to AAP Immunization Schedule)

Clay-Platte Family Medicine Clinic, Summit Family and Sports Medicine, and Barry Pointe Family Care take the health and well-being of our patients, their families, our staff, and the surrounding community very seriously. There is no controversy regarding the safety and efficacy of immunizations.

Immunizing your child using the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule is the right decision. Researchers calculated that these vaccines prevented 508 million lifetime illnesses, 32 million hospitalizations, and 1.13 million deaths (Zhou et al., 2024).

Our clinics seek to maximize the benefits of immunizations while ensuring the health of our patients in a safe manner by setting the following expectations:

Immunization Expectations

All pediatric patients are expected to be fully immunized according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule, except for Gardasil 9 and influenza, which remain strongly recommended.

Any missed immunization(s) will be administered at the next appropriate visit per the AAP catch-up immunization schedule.

Patients must follow the clinic's standard well-visit schedule to ensure immunizations remain up to date.

Medical Exceptions

- The patient has a severe allergy to one of the components of the immunization.
- The immunization is not available at the time of the office visit.

- The patient is experiencing severe immune suppression or has a chronic illness that precludes them from receiving live immunizations.
- The patient is experiencing severe illness within 24 hours of a scheduled immunization.
- The patient has been on chronic high-dose steroid treatment for at least two weeks.
- Other provider-determined contraindications consistent with AAP immunization guidance.

Clay-Platte Family Medicine Clinic, Summit Family and Sports Medicine, and Barry Pointe Family Care will not honor alternative immunization schedules written by an outside healthcare provider. We will work with families to ensure that children are protected as quickly as possible using the AAP catch-up immunization schedule.

The providers of Clay Platte Family Medicine, Summit Family and Sports Medicine, and Barry Pointe Family Care acknowledge and honor the rights of parents and guardians to make healthcare decisions for their children. We will not force immunization against your wishes.

If at your next appointment you choose not to begin a progression toward vaccination consistent with the AAP immunization schedule, we will respectfully ask that you find a healthcare provider more aligned with your preferences.

Educational Resources

- American Academy of Pediatrics – HealthyChildren.org
- Immunization Action Coalition – www.immunize.org

Source: Zhou, F., Jatlaoui, T. C., Leidner, A. J., Carter, R. J., Dong, X., Santoli, J. M., Stokley, S., Daskalakis, D. C., & Peacock, G. (2024). Health and economic benefits of routine childhood immunizations in the era of the Vaccines for Children program, United States, 1994–2023. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, 73(31), 682–685. https://doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7331a2