

Sandy Springs Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, PC

Vaccine Policy Statement

We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives, and 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 Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We recognize that the choice may be a very emotional one for some parents. We will do everything we can to convince you that vaccinating according to the schedule is the right thing to do. However, should you have doubts, please discuss these with your health care provider in advance of your visit. In some cases, we may alter the schedule to accommodate parental 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. This decision can put your child at risk for serious illness (or even death) and goes against our medical advice as physicians at Sandy Springs Pediatrics. **Such additional visits will require additional co-pays and if your insurance denies the visit you will be responsible for the cost of the entire visit.** Furthermore, please realize that you will be required to sign a “Refusal to Vaccinate” acknowledgement in the event of lengthy delays. Once the physician obtains your permission and orders the vaccines, **you will be responsible for the cost of the vaccines if you change your mind.** Vaccines have a very short life after mixing. Your insurance will only be billed if your child receives the vaccines.

Finally, if you should absolutely **refuse to complete required vaccines by age of 2 years** despite all our efforts, we will ask you to find another health care provider who shares your views. We do not keep a list of such providers nor would we recommend any such physician. Please recognize that by not vaccinating you are putting your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, and even death. You are also putting other children who are either too young to be immunized or medically unable to be immunized at risk should your child contract one of these diseases.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults. Thank you for your time in reading this policy, and please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us.

Sincerely,

The Physicians of Sandy Springs Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, PC

I have read Sandy Springs Pediatrics vaccine policy. I understand I may be responsible for the cost involved in deviation from the standard vaccine schedule. I understand I must make my decision to vaccinate or not vaccinate prior to the physician ordering the vaccine and will be responsible for the cost of ordered vaccines should I change my mind after the order is placed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Children's names and DOB
