

Vaccination Policy

At Bright Oaks Pediatric Center, we strive to provide the best care that is based on the most up-to-date and accurate literature for our patients and families. In order to do this, we require all of our patients to receive immunizations on schedule, without spacing, delaying, alternate schedules, or otherwise.

Our vaccine schedule is noted on the following pages.

While we respect one's choice to not vaccinate, we feel we would be doing a disservice to our patients and community, and feel uncomfortable as a practice caring for children who do not receive these recommended immunizations at all or whose families choose to go off schedule. The risk for errors and incomplete immunization increases any time there is deviation from the routine vaccination schedule.

Vaccines are a simple and easy way to prevent deadly illnesses and diseases. We ask that should you have questions or concerns regarding immunizations, ask your child's healthcare provider. Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation on the internet, as anyone can publish or post an article. When researching, ensure you are looking at reputable and quality resources.

If a vaccine or vaccines have already been drawn up at your child's scheduled appointment and are not administered at the visit, you will be responsible to pay for the full cost of the vaccine(s) as we are unable to bill insurance companies for vaccines not administered to a patient.

We look forward to caring for your child at Bright Oaks!



RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS AND PHYSICAL EXAM SCHEDULE

AGE	IMMUNIZATIONS	PHYSICAL EXAM PROCEDURES
Birth	Hepatitis B #1 (done in hospital)	NEWBORN SCREENING #1, HEARING SCREEN (in hospital)
Newborn Appointment	Hepatitis B #1 (if not done in hospital)	*Not considered a wellness visit by insurance companies
2 Weeks		NEWBORN SCREENING #2 (heel stick), EPDS (Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale)
4 Weeks		EPDS
2 Months	Vaxelis, Prevnar, Rotavirus(oral vaccine)	EPDS
4 Months	Vaxelis, Prevnar, Rotavirus(oral vaccine)	EPDS
6 Months	Vaxelis, Prevnar, Rotavirus(oral vaccine) *Influenza if in season (optional)	Lead Risk Assessment, EPDS
9 Months		Lead Risk Assessment
12 Months	MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis A #1	Lead & Hemoglobin Test (fingerstick), TB Risk Assessment, Lead Risk Assessment, Photoscreen (vision)
15 Months	Pentacel & Prevnar	TB Risk Assessment, Lead Risk Assessment
18 Months	Hepatitis A #2	Developmental Screen TB Risk Assessment, Lead Risk Assessment
2 Years		Developmental Screen, Lead Test (fingerstick), TB Risk Assessment, Lead Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Photoscreen (vision)
2 ½ Years		



3 Years		Photoscreen (vision), TB Risk Assessment, Lead Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment
4 Years	ProQuad & Quadracel	Vision & Hearing Screen, TB Risk Assessment, Lead Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment
5 Years		Vision & Hearing Screen, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, TB Risk Assessment, Lead Risk Assessment
6 Years		TB Risk Assessment, Lead Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing
7 Years		TB Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing
8 Years		TB Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing
9 Years		TB Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing
10 Years		TB Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing
11 Years	Tdap & Meningitis ACWY #1 *HPV #1(optional)	TB Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing
12-14 Years	*HPV #2(optional)	TB Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing
15 Years		TB Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing
16 Years	Meningitis ACWY #2 & Meningitis B #1	TB Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing
17-18 Years	Meningitis B #2	TB Risk Assessment, Cholesterol Risk Assessment, Vision and Hearing

The Influenza Vaccine is recommended each year for children 6 months and older.

Vaccine Key:

- **Hepatitis B** – Protects against infection from the Hepatitis B virus (HBV) and prevents potential complications like chronic liver disease and liver cancer.
- **Vaxelis** – Protects against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, haemophilus influenzae type b, hepatitis b.
- **Rotavirus** – Protects against rotavirus, a contagious gastrointestinal (GI) infection.
- **Prevnar** – Protects against bacteria that cause invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD).
- **MMR** – Protects against measles, mumps and rubella.
- **Varicella** – Protects against chickenpox
- **ProQuad** – Protects against measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella
- **Quadracel** – Protects against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio
- **Tdap** – Protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough)
- **Meningitis ACWY** – Protects against four types of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W, and Y, which can cause life-threatening illnesses like meningitis (inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord) and sepsis.
- **Meningitis B** – Protects against serious and potentially fatal infections caused by serogroup B meningococcal bacteria. This includes meningitis (inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord) and blood infections.
- ***HPV** – Protects against the types of human papillomaviruses that cause most cervical, vaginal, vulvar, penile, anal, and oropharyngeal (head and neck) cancers, as well as genital warts. (Two doses if started before age 15 and three doses if started at age 15 or later.) *This vaccine is optional.
- ***Influenza** – Protects against different strains of Influenza A & B. *This vaccine is optional.