

To our current and prospective patients,

We are very grateful for our community here at Pediatric Associates of North Atlanta. It gives us great pride and joy to be able to bring premier, evidence-based care to our patients and to watch them grow and thrive. As part of this evidence-based care, we adhere to the vaccine guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). We feel it is important to follow these recommendations as part of our practice. Our goal is to keep our patients healthy through adequate immunization practice and to protect them against preventable infections with their serious consequences.

We have made the decision to no longer accept new families to our practice who choose not to vaccinate their children at all. We do not want to offend anyone, but rather to treat our existing patients in a safe and evidence-based way.

We do not recommend alternate vaccine schedules because delaying vaccines can increase the chance of contracting a preventable infection. Alternate vaccine schedules also do not have scientific studies backing them, which means that we cannot know if they are equally as effective as the vaccine schedule set out by AAP/CDC/ACIP.

We will continue to work with families who choose to delay vaccines, as long as we feel it is reasonable.

The link to the ACIP/AAP guidelines for vaccinations is attached below for your reference. We also feel that our role as pediatricians is to have discussions regarding vaccine efficacy and safety, so we encourage you to ask us questions if you have them.

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Recommended-Immunization-Schedules.aspx>