Frederick Primary Care Associates (FPCA) Vaccine Policy

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Purpose

Frederick Primary Care Associates (FPCA) is committed to protecting the health and safety of all patients. Our vaccine policy follows evidence-based guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Policy Statement

FPCA requires all pediatric patients to follow the modified AAP immunization schedule. This schedule has been proven safe and effective in preventing serious, potentially life-threatening diseases.

RECOMMENDED Vaccines

- Childhood Influenza
- COVID-19
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- RSV (Beyfortus)
- Men B (Bexsero)
- Rotavirus
- Capvaxive (adults only)
- Shingrix (adults only)
- Adult influenza
- Other available pneumococcal vaccines

All other AAP-recommended vaccines are required for continued care at FPCA.

REQUIRED Vaccine Schedule (Per Policy)

FPCA follows the AAP routine immunization schedule, which includes:

- **Birth to 18 months:** Hepatitis B, DTaP, IPV (Polio), Hib, PCV (Pneumococcal), MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis A (Required per policy and AAP)
- **4–6 years:** Boosters for DTaP, IPV, MMR, and Varicella (Required per policy and AAP)
- **11–12 years:** Tdap booster, MenACWY (Required per policy and AAP)

Modified Schedules

Modified vaccine schedules may only be approved by the treating provider, documented in the patient's chart, and include scheduling for all overdue vaccines at checkout. Modified Schedule to be established immediately, implementation at 2 months of age and completed by 2 years old. Must follow the modified vaccine schedule and if missed 2 appointments on modified vaccine schedule, the patient and family may be at risk of being discharged from any FPCA practice.

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Vaccine Declination and Exemptions

FPCA will discharge the patient and their family if they do not comply with the **required** schedule.

No exemptions will be granted except for verified medical contraindications, which must be supported by appropriate medical documentation and reviewed by the treating provider.

Religious exemptions are not included under medical contraindications.

Discharge from Practice – Pediatric Vaccine Noncompliance

Patients will be discharged from the practice after documented discussion with their primary care provider (PCP) regarding noncompliance with the practice's pediatric vaccination policy.

Commitment to Community Health

FPCA's vaccine policy reflects our commitment to evidence-based medicine and the highest standards of patient safety. Vaccines are a cornerstone of public health and are proven to prevent serious illness, complications, and community outbreaks. We believe in the importance of **herd health**—the protection of the entire community that occurs when the vast majority of individuals are vaccinated. Because many of our patients are immunocompromised or medically fragile, maintaining high vaccination rates within our practice is essential to safeguarding both individual and community well-being.

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Print Patient/Parent/Guardian Name	Patient/Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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Print Witness Name	Witness Signature	Date
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Print Provider Name	Provider Signature	Date