

# Immunizations

**Proyouth Pediatric Health & Wellness** follows the immunization guidelines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). For information about these vaccines and the diseases they protect against, please visit <http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/immunizations.cfm>

For detailed informational sheets published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) please visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/)

## Our Vaccine Philosophy

Our practice believes that all children should receive the recommended vaccines according to the guidelines provided by the AAP and the CDC. Vaccines are safe and effective in preventing diseases and health complications in children and young adults. Regular vaccinations help children ward off infections and are administered as one of the safest and best methods of disease prevention.

## Recommended Immunization Schedule

- [Immunization Schedule](#) - The AAP, ACIP, CDC endorsed schedule of vaccinations
- [Catch-up Schedule](#) - Schedule for children aged 4 months through 18 years who start late or who are more than 1 month behind

## Resources

[Vaccine Safety: The Facts](#) Safety facts on vaccines from the AAP

[AAP's Childhood Immunization Support Program \(CISP\)](#) Information for providers and parents.

[Why Should I Immunize My Child?](#) A description of the individual diseases and the benefits expected from the vaccination.

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Immunization Program](#) Information about vaccine safety, including Parent's Guide to Childhood Immunizations

[National Network of Immunization Information \(NNii\)](#) Includes the NNii Resource Kit - Communicating with Patients about Immunizations. A guide to help answer parent's questions and provide the facts about immunizations.

[Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia](#) Information for parents includes Common Concerns About Vaccines, Are Vaccines Safe, and A Look at Each Vaccine.

[Institute for Vaccine Safety, Johns Hopkins University](#) Provides an independent assessment of vaccines and vaccine safety to help guide decision makers and educate physicians, the public and the media about key issues surrounding the safety of vaccines.

[Vaccine Refusal Form](#) We understand some parents may choose to not follow the recommended immunization schedule. As non-vaccination increases the risk of infection to our patients who have not received these vaccines or are unable due to illness, we ask that you print and sign this form.