

## **EAST BAY PEDIATRICS IMMUNIZATION POLICY**

East Bay Pediatrics supports vaccinating all children. Immunizations have greatly reduced the illness and death from infectious disease for children and the community.

Some families desire to spread out immunizations; however, the practice has set a minimum vaccine requirement in order to protect all of our patients and ensure proper advice is given to all families in the event of illness.

- A. The following vaccines must be given by the age group listed.
  - Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP) - 3 doses before 24 months of age, 5 doses before 6 years of age
  - Hemophilus Influenza, type B (Hib) - 3 doses before 12 months of age, 4th dose before 24 months of age
  - Pneumococcus (PCV) - 3 doses before 12 months of age, 4th dose before 24 months of age
  - Hepatitis B (Hep B) - 3 doses by 6 years of age
  - Inactivated Polio (IPV) - 3 doses before 24 months of age, 4th doses by 6 years of age
  - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) - First dose before 24 months of age, Second dose before 6 years of age
  - Varicella (VZV or chicken pox) - 1st dose before 24 months of age, 2nd dose before 13 years of age
  - Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) - 1 dose before 13 years of age
  - Meningococcal (MCV4) - 1 dose prior to 18 years of age
- B. A newborn's first series of vaccinations (first DTaP, Hib and PCV) must be completed by 4 months of age.
- C. Additional visits due to delayed schedule require a visit with a physician. This may incur a co-pay.
- D. If your child is behind the practice's routine vaccine schedule, please notify any health care provider, even within our practice, when discussing your child's health or an illness. Medical decisions may depend on whether your child has been fully vaccinated.

East Bay Pediatrics is happy to work with you to make sure that all the necessary vaccines have been given for your child's age. If your family refuses to meet our minimum requirements, we will help you find another health care provider to meet your needs. If you have any questions about this policy, please discuss with your primary care physician.

In 2021, East Bay Pediatrics will coordinate with the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). This will make patient immunization records more easily accessible between East Bay Pediatrics, your insurance carrier and any other providers that you give consent to. All families will be asked to identify a "custodian" for purposes of the registry.