

# VACCINE POLICY



CLAY PLATTE  
FAMILY MEDICINE  
SUMMIT FAMILY AND  
SPORTS MEDICINE

Clay-Platte Family Medicine Clinic and Summit Family and Sports Medicine take the health and well-being of our patients, their families, our staff and the surrounding community very seriously. **There is no controversy regarding the safety and efficacy of immunizations. Immunizing your child using the current CDC schedule is the right decision.** For people born between 1994 and 2016, vaccination will prevent an estimated 381 million illnesses, 24.5 million hospitalizations, and 855,000 deaths in their lifetimes.

Clay-Platte Family Medicine Clinic and Summit Family and Sports Medicine seek to maximize the benefits of immunizations while ensuring the health of our patients in a safe manner by setting the following expectations:

- Require all pediatric patients be fully immunized according to the schedule recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the exceptions of the Gardasil 9 vaccination and influenza vaccination although these are both highly recommended.
- Any missed immunization(s) will be administered at the next appropriate visit per the CDC catch-up schedule.
- Require that patients must follow our standard well visit schedule to ensure that immunizations are up to date.

Some exceptions do apply. After consultation with a provider, patients may not be required to receive an immunization if any of the following criteria are met:

- The patient has a severe allergy to one of the components of the immunization. Minor allergies may require observation after immunization, but will not prohibit administering the immunization.
- The immunization is not available at the time of the office visit.
- The patient is experiencing severe immune suppression or has a chronic illness that precludes them from receiving live immunizations (Rotovirus and MMR).



- The patient has a close contact with an immune-compromised person precluding immunization(s).
- The patient is experiencing severe illness within 24 hours of scheduled immunization. A minor illness will not prohibit administering the immunization.
- The patient has been on chronic high-dose steroid treatment for at least 2 weeks duration.

**Clay-Platte Family Medicine Clinic and Summit Family and Sports Medicine will not honor any alternative schedules written by an outside healthcare provider.**

We will work with you to ensure that your child is as protected as possible, as quickly as possible, following the CDC catch-up schedule. Providers are willing to discuss any questions you may have regarding immunizations at a separate visit, scheduled specifically for that purpose.

The providers of Clay Platte Family Medicine and Summit Family and Sports Medicine, acknowledge and honor your rights as parents/guardians to make any and all healthcare decisions for your child(ren). We will not force you to immunize your child(ren) against your wishes.

If at your next appointment you choose not to begin a progression towards vaccination, we will respectfully ask that you find a healthcare provider more apt to meet your preferences. We do not have a list of providers who allow immunization refusals. Further, we do not recommend any provider who does so.

If you would like more information on the safety and effectiveness of immunizations, or if you would like to research immunizations more, please schedule an appointment with a provider and/or visit these reliable and scientifically validated sources of information:

- » **American Academy of Pediatrics - [HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org)**
- » **Immunization Action Coalition - <http://www.immunize.org>**
- » **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)**