



South Georgia Pediatric and Allergy Center’s providers are aware of the rising concerns regarding vaccines. In 2019, our practice decided to discontinue accepting patients who are unvaccinated or are not planning to vaccinate. We respect the decision of parents and patients who choose not to vaccinate, but we believe it is important to have open conversations to better understand vaccinations.

Our provider’s decision is supported by medical science and our concern to protect all of the children in our care:

Simply said – Vaccines save lives.

Widespread illness, disability and death were once caused by diseases that are now uncommon due to routine childhood immunizations. Polio and measles primarily affected elementary school- aged children. Polio epidemics between the 1940s and 1950s paralyzed hundreds of thousands annually. Today, polio cases are extremely rare but measles cases are becoming more common. Vaccinations are one of the most historically effective measures in public health.

Requirements for Efficiency

We require vaccines for our patients because we care for our community. Your decisions can impact all of those around you, including the most vulnerable patients – infants and those medically fragile.

Infants are vaccinated in stages and rely on protection from those surrounding them. If an unvaccinated child carries a preventable illness, such as measles, and is in our office with vulnerable patients, those patients are at significant risk.

Therefore, we require our patients to follow the recommended childhood vaccination schedule as recognized by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the University System of Georgia and the public school systems. Please note that a few schools may allow for vaccine exemptions but many colleges and universities require vaccinations for attendance.

Committed to Care

Our goal is to maintain the safety of our served patients and their families by providing the highest level of care and protection. This responsibility is taken seriously in order to preserve a healthy community.

Please reach out to our office if you have questions – our providers are willing to discuss any vaccine concerns. We are here to join you in raising healthy children!

Vaccine Schedule

AGE	VACCINES
NEWBORN	HEPATITIS B (given at birth in hospital)
2, 4, 6 MONTHS	VAXELIS, PREVNAR, ROTATEQ
12 MONTHS	HEPATITIS A, PROQUAD
15 MONTHS	DTAP, PREVNAR, HIB
18 MONTHS	HEPATITIS A
4 YEARS	QUADRACEL, PROQUAD
11 YEARS	MENQUADFI, TDAP
16 YEARS	MENQUADFI, TRUMEMBA
17 YEARS	TRUMEMBA

VAXELIS- DTaP, inactivated poliovirus, Haemophilus influenza type b, and hepatitis B

PREVNAR- Pneumococcal diseases

ROTATEQ- Rotavirus

DTAP – Diphtheria, Tetanus and acellular pertussis (under 6 years)

TDAP- Tetanus, Diphtheria and acellular pertussis (10 years and up)

PROQUAD-Measles, mumps, rubella and varicella

VARICELLA-Chicken pox

QUADRACEL- DTaP and inactivated poliovirus

IPV- Inactivated poliovirus

HIB-Haemophilus influenzae type b

MenQuadfi – Meningococcal groups A, C, W, Y

Trumemba – Meningococcal B

Optional Vaccines:

BEYFORTUS	RSV: respiratory syncytial virus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preventable antibody • Given during RSV season • All infants under 8 months old • Vulnerable children 8 months - 19 months
INFLUENZA	Flu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting age 6 months • 2nd dose given 1 month after for 6 months-8 years of age
GARDASIL	HPV: Human papillomavirus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting age: 11-14 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 dose series, 6 months apart • Starting age: 15+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 dose series, first and second dose 2 months apart; third dose 4 months after second dose