

Orange County Children's Medical Group

Immunization Policy

For the past 3 years, Orange County Children's Medical Group has not been accepting any new patients who did not plan to vaccinate, and we are firmly committed to continuing this policy into the future. Every physician at our group is a firm believer in vaccinating children, including our own, and we feel that vaccines are safe, effective, and important for our community compared to a society that does not vaccinate or undervaccinates their children. Given the yearly and alarming rise in measles cases in Orange County and this country, we are now reaching out to existing patients who have not been vaccinated and were part of our group prior to our change in policy 3 years ago. We will require all of these non-vaccinated patients to schedule an appointment with a provider to devise a schedule to have their children vaccinated. Any existing patients who continue to refuse vaccinations will be asked to transfer to another medical practice for continued healthcare. Should you have further questions or concerns regarding vaccines or our immunization policy, any of our medical providers would be happy and willing to discuss these issues with you.

Minimum Immunization Requirements

- a)** First MMR (measles/mumps/rubella) received by 18 months of age
- b)** First Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine received by 18 months of age
- c)** DTaP (diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis) vaccine, 3 doses before 12 months
- d)** Hib (Haemophilus influenza, type B) vaccine, 3 doses before 12 months
- e)** PCV-13 (Pneumococcal) vaccine, at least 3 doses before 24 months