

## ARC Pediatric Vaccination Policy

**We respectfully ask all ARC families to review our pediatric vaccination policy**



ARC pediatricians and family physicians always aim to be good partners with our patients and families. With our medical expertise and your daily experience with your children, we work together to make the right decisions for your children’s health. Even if we do not fully agree on the best approach, we want to maintain mutual respect – knowing we have the same goal: healthy kids and cohesive families.

### Keeping Our Clinics Safe for the Most Vulnerable

The ongoing outbreaks of measles across the United States in communities that have low immunization rates demonstrate how quickly measles sickness can spread, especially to those who are young infants or

our elderly. After extensive discussions in 2015, the physicians at ARC established our vaccination policy ensuring our clinics do not pose health risks for our most vulnerable patients. Our clinics are safe spaces for infants who have not yet had the full range of vaccinations, frail seniors, pregnant women, and the many individuals with conditions that can compromise their immune systems.

### Vaccinations Required for All Pediatric Patients at ARC, Including After Hours

Austin Regional Clinic Pediatricians and Family Medicine doctors only accept new children to the practice whose parents permit full vaccination. To continue to care for your child, your child should have received all the vaccines recommended for their age that are required for school entry. We would like to keep you in our ARC family and understand that there are unique aspects in each case. For that reason it is best to talk directly to your child’s doctor. Your child’s doctor is dedicated to protecting your child and can explain the schedule completely. We make sure all our children are caught up within a year of having the initial vaccine catch-up discussion.

Because we want to be certain that our facilities are safe for all of our patients which includes over 500,000 infants, children, adolescents, adults, and seniors with a broad range of healthcare conditions, we request immunization records of all of our pediatric patients, including children who use our after-hours facilities.

### Thank You for Trusting Us with Your Child’s Care

Finally, we want to express our gratitude to all parents who have entrusted the care of your children to us. We have tremendous respect for the hard and emotionally difficult work that is parenting. It is our privilege to be on your team and we would be happy to discuss this further with you at your next visit.

After Hours &  
Same-Day Care  
Allergy & Asthma  
Audiology

Cardiology (ARC/SHI)  
Clinical Research  
Dermatology  
Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)

Endocrinology  
Extensivist Medicine  
Family Medicine  
Gastroenterology

General Surgery  
Internal Medicine  
Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Orthopedics

Pediatrics  
Podiatry  
Reproductive  
Medicine

Rheumatology  
Sports & Musculoskeletal  
Medicine