



Teton Valley Health Care

Pediatric Vaccination Policy

Our Commitment |

TVHC is dedicated to providing compassionate, family-centered, and high-quality healthcare to our patients of all ages. One of the most important services that we can offer to families who entrust their children's care to us is routine vaccination, to protect against life-threatening, communicable diseases.

Our vaccination policy is aligned with expert, well-researched medical guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which maintain that childhood vaccinations are essential to protecting child health and maintaining healthy communities.

As medical professionals, we believe that pediatric vaccination, in accordance with immunization schedules established by leading health experts, is the right thing to do for our youngest patients.

We recognize that parents face complex choices in ensuring their children's well-being. We have assembled the following guidance to support parents as they navigate important decisions surrounding childhood immunization.

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- ✓ **Vaccine Guidelines:** TVHC adheres to American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines for childhood immunizations, which outline recommended vaccine types, sequencing, timing, and frequency.
 - For updated information, visit: www.aap.org/en/patient-care/immunizations
- ✓ **Safe, No-Cost Protection:** TVHC obtains its pediatric vaccine products from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and stores them in strict accordance with state safety protocols. These vaccines are available at no cost through the state of Idaho for minors from birth through age 18.
- ✓ **Availability:** TVHC will make every effort to advise families of any immunizations due, in accordance with AAP guidance, during pediatric visits. However, parents are ultimately responsible to ask about vaccine schedules and request current and timely immunizations on behalf of their children. Routine vaccinations are available upon request during wellness exams, as well as non-sick-child visits (i.e., scheduled for reasons other than acute illness). Vaccinations may also be administered during nurse-only visits.
- ✓ **Parent Choice:** TVHC will respect parents' choice to decline any immunization recommended for their child. However, we strongly advise making decisions surrounding childhood vaccination only after discussing any concerns with a TVHC physician, PA, or nurse practitioner. Our medical providers welcome your questions regarding vaccine recommendations and safety.
- ✓ **Modified Scheduling:** TVHC may honor parent requests to offer immunizations on a non-standard schedule (i.e., fewer immunizations at one time), following discussion with a medical provider. However, parents will be asked to (i) acknowledge that this altered schedule is counter to expert guidance and may place their child at risk for serious illness or even death, and (ii) release Emergency Responders Health Center from all associated liability.

To Obtain Your Child's Records for Immunizations Completed in Idaho:

- (1) Use the Docket[®] mobile app through the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (DHW). *Be certain to register at least 5 business days in advance of when you will need these records, to troubleshoot any access issues.* Or, file a records request with DHW.
 - Visit: <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/immunizationrecords>
- (2) If you are unable to obtain your child's records through Docket[®], contact TVHC's medical receptionists at **(208) 354-2383** to request a copy.