

Pediatric Dentistry South, Inc. (the “Practice”) believes in the efficacy and safety of vaccination as a crucial component of pediatric healthcare. To provide a safer environment for our patients, and to ensure that the care we provide is in line with the Pediatric Medical Society, the AAP and the CCDC, Pediatric Dentistry South, Inc. (the “Practice”) is implementing the following policies and procedures regarding vaccinations.

Policy

- After refusing to schedule new patients who have not been vaccinated since 2016, effective September 1, 2018, the Practice will no longer treat patients who have not received all vaccinations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.
- A limited exception to this policy will be made for patients who have a medically documented reason for not receiving vaccinations.
- For those current patients who have not been vaccinated, the Practice will honor currently scheduled appointments, but will not provide additional treatment (except for 60 days of emergency care).
- Scheduling future appointments will be contingent on the child receiving all of his/her vaccinations.
- Parents/guardians of patients who have not been vaccinated will receive a termination letter providing contact information for the Dental Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Practice will waive its customary record transfer fees for patients terminated due to their vaccination status.
- The Practice’s intake forms and patient information update forms will be revised to include questions about vaccinations. The Practice will not ask for documentation of vaccine history unless the dentist has reason to suspect that the patient has not been truthful about their vaccination status.