

Congratulations on your new baby! We would like to welcome you to Families First Pediatrics and look forward to providing the best care possible for your child during the coming years. There are several regular visits scheduled for your child during the first two years in order to keep them up to date on their immunizations. The schedule is as follows:

2 weeks	PKU (and Hep B if not given at hospital)
2 months	Pediarix(Dtap, Hep B, Polio), Hib, Prevnar, Rotateq
4 months	Pediarix(Dtap, Hep B, Polio), Hib, Prevnar, Rotateq
6 months	Pediarix(Dtap, Hep B, Polio), Hib, Prevnar, Rotateq
9 months	No vaccinations, Hemaglobin test
12 months	MMR, Varicella
15 months	Dtap, Hep A, Prevnar
18 months	No shots
2 years	Hep A

(After age 2, we recommend a yearly well-child check at each birthday.)

Before your 2 month well-child check, we strongly recommend that you contact your insurance company to determine what services and immunizations are covered under your plan. Some plans cover 100% of all immunizations; some cover certain shots and exclude others (i.e. Prevnar and Rotateq). Because of the large number of insurance companies we accept and the many variations in plans within each company, it is the patient's responsibility to know what their coverage is and let our billing department know what services or shots are not covered. This will prevent you from being responsible for the costs of the service yourself. When some or all vaccinations are not covered, we can administer vaccines provided by the state under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. There will be an administration fee, but the cost is significantly less than the cost of the vaccine.

Also, please be aware that most insurance companies only allow 30 days after the birth date to add a new baby to your insurance. If the child is added after that grace period, any treatment given prior to adding them will not be covered by your policy. You may also be required to wait until your policy renewal date before being allowed to add the baby. Please contact your HR department or your insurance company directly for more information on their policies.

If you are uninsured and will be responsible for the cost of services as a "self-pay", we can offer you a discount if you pay for your visit on the date of service. You will also automatically qualify for enrollment in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like some more information on any of the above listed vaccinations, please feel free to contact our office at any time. We look forward to serving you!