



# Emergency Responders Health Center - North

## Pediatric Vaccination Policy

### Our Commitment |

ERHC North is dedicated to providing proactive healthcare to our patients of all ages. We offer routine pediatric vaccinations to families who entrust their children's care to us, to protect against communicable, life-threatening diseases.

Our vaccination policy is aligned with well-researched guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which maintain that routine childhood vaccinations are essential to protecting children's health. 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:** ERHC North adheres to American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines for childhood immunizations, for vaccine types, sequencing, timing, and frequency.
  - For updated information, visit: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/child-adolescent-age.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/child-adolescent-age.html)
- ✓ **Safe, No-Cost Protection:** ERHC North obtains pediatric vaccine products from the Washington State Department of Health and the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare and stores them in strict accordance with Washington and Idaho safety protocols. These vaccines are available at no cost, for the vaccine product itself, through the states of Washington and Idaho, for minors from birth through age 18.
- ✓ **Availability:** ERHC North 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 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 scheduled as separate, nurse-only visits.
- ✓ **Parent Choice:** ERHC North will respect parents' choice to decline any immunization. However, we strongly advise making decisions surrounding childhood vaccination only after discussing any concerns with an ERHC North medical professional. We welcome your questions regarding vaccine recommendations and safety.
- ✓ **Modified Scheduling:** ERHC North 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 ERHC North from all associated liability.

### To Obtain Your Child's Immunization Records:

#### FOR VACCINATIONS COMPLETED IN WASHINGTON:

Use the MyIR mobile app provided courtesy of the Washington State Department of Health. Once you have completed the registration process, you'll be able to view relevant immunizations records, Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS), and COVID-19 vaccination certificates, as well.

→ Visit: <https://myirmobile.com>

#### FOR VACCINATIONS COMPLETED IN IDAHO:

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>

**IF** you are unable to obtain your child's records through these online applications, contact ERHC North's medical receptionists at **(509) 824-7327** to request a copy.