

BBYO Immunization Policy

Program participants are required to have age-appropriate vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as follows:

- Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- IPV (Poliovirus)
- Hib (Haemophilus influenza type b bacteria)
- PCV 13 (Pneumococcal) vaccine or PCV 23
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis A- strongly recommended
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) or serologic evidence of immunity. Adults born before 1957 are assumed to be immune to measles
- Varicella vaccine (Chicken Pox), or serologic or historical evidence of immunity
- Menactra (Meningococcal disease / Meningitis) - required for those age 11+

BBYO strongly recommends the administration of the Hepatitis A vaccine according to the standard AAP/CDC vaccine schedule. Please consult with your doctor about the recommended AAP/CDC schedule for the Hepatitis A vaccine. Due to recent outbreaks of Pertussis and to the possibility that immunity may deteriorate overtime, we are strongly recommending a Tdap booster for those over the age of 9 and/or have not had a Tdap booster in the past 10 years.

Policy Exceptions: We recognize that individuals with specific medical conditions (i.e documented allergy or severe adverse reaction to a particular vaccine, congenital immunodeficiency or HIV, malignancies receiving chemotherapy, transplant patients, and persons receiving immunosuppressive drugs and chronic steroids), will not be able to receive certain vaccines. In these instances, a physician documenting the problem and exempting the child from further doses of that specific vaccine must be furnished to BBYO. In addition, if an individual or his/her family believes that a specific situation poses extenuating circumstances, and furnishes a letter from a medical doctor (MD) substantiating this contention, BBYO will review such situations on a case by case basis.

REFERENCE LINKS

- www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf
- www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf