

Southside Pediatrics
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**So, My Child Is Getting Allergy Shots.
What Do I Need To Know?**

We are happy to offer the service of allergy immunizations to our patients. Throughout the coming months, we will continue to work closely with you and your child's allergist to make this process run as smoothly as possible. Often, our office is "closer to home" and therefore more convenient for your family's schedule. However, due to the increasing number of children receiving allergy shots at our office, we are requesting your cooperation concerning scheduling appointments. Please review the following recommendations:

- 1) When your child is ready to start receiving his/her allergy shots at Southside Pediatrics, we will arrange an appointment time slot for your child and schedule his/her first 2-3 appointments. Allergy injection appointments are available from 9am-11:00am and 2:00pm-4:15pm. Please try to arrange a schedule for your child's allergy shots with your doctor's assistant.
- 2) If your child is unable to keep a scheduled allergy shot appointment, please call our office as soon as possible to notify us. Three or more "no-show" appointments may result in the inability for your child to continue receiving his/her injections at our office.
- 3) During summer months, we realize families' schedules are more flexible. Our scheduling is also more flexible for June, July and August. For these months, we would encourage you to bring your child in earlier in the day (even if their regularly scheduled time slot is in the late afternoon during the school year). Please call to set up any changes for your child's summer schedule.
- 4) If your child is moderately ill, or has used his/her rescue inhaler (Albuterol or Xopenex) in the past 24 hours due to illness, we recommend postponing the injection (please call to cancel appt) and scheduling a doctor's appointment for evaluation if necessary.
- 5) Please be aware that if your child's medical account has a past due status and continues to go unpaid, we will request that his/her account be brought up-to-date before further injections can be done. Please speak with our office manager if you have any questions regarding your child's account.

Thank you for trusting us to coordinate your child's allergy program. It is our pleasure to provide this service to our patients and we do truly appreciate your help in making this program a success.