

Dear Parents and Families,

We want to share an important update regarding vaccination recommendations for your child. The Utah Department of Health has recently recommended an accelerated vaccination schedule for the measles vaccine. We want to make sure you have clear, up-to-date information so that together we can protect your child's health.

Standard Vaccination Schedule (in the absence of a measles outbreak)

Under the standard schedule, the vaccine is given at two time points:

- 1st dose: 12 months of age
- 2nd dose: 4–6 years of age

Accelerated Vaccination Schedule (Now Recommended)

The Utah Department of Health now recommends adding an early dose and completing the series sooner:

- 1st dose (extra, early dose): 6–11 months of age
- 2nd dose: 12 months of age
- 3rd dose: As early as 15 months of age

Dose	Standard Schedule	Accelerated Schedule
Dose 1	12 months	6–11 months (extra, early dose)
Dose 2	4–6 years	12 months
Dose 3	—	As early as 15 months

Why the Change?

Utah is currently experiencing a large outbreak of measles. The accelerated schedule is designed to provide earlier protection during a period when children may be at increased risk. Measles is one of the most contagious viruses and can be particularly dangerous for babies. Compared to older children and adults, infants are more likely to experience serious complications like pneumonia, brain swelling, hospitalization and/or death. For this reason, accelerated vaccination is being recommended to help protect these vulnerable infants.

What This Means for Your Child

Depending on your child's current age, the next steps may be different:

- If your child is 6-11 months old: They are now eligible for an extra, early first dose. Brigham-Farr West does not yet carry this early dose. You can receive this dose at your local health department. Please check their website for details.

- If your child already received their first dose at 12 months: The next dose can be given as early as 15 months of age to complete this series.
- If your child has already completed the prior two-dose series no action is needed

Questions or Concerns?

We understand that changes to your child's vaccination schedule can raise questions, and we welcome the opportunity to talk with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office. We are happy to review your child's immunization history, address any concerns, and ensure they are up to date.

Thank you for trusting us with the care of your child.