

Benton Pediatrics, Inc.

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The Benton Pediatrics mission:
“To serve our patients in a way that
is pleasing to the Lord”

Get Your Flu Vaccine

Each year we send you this reminder: consider getting the flu vaccine for your child.

It is true that thousands of people die every year from the flu. On the other hand, most people who get the flu do just fine. Getting vaccinated against the flu protects you as well as those around you. We pediatricians are seeing fewer ill patients in the fall and winter than in previous years which I attribute in part to more of our patients getting a flu vaccine. The seasonal flu vaccine is available as FluMist, delivered to the patient’s nose, or a flu shot. If, however, your child has asthma, a history of wheezing, or a chronic illness, the flu shot is recommended.

For the past few years, and again this year, Alachua County schools are offering to administer FluMist for free. Consider getting your child vaccinated through this program. Free is an awfully good price! And, as usual, we have flu vaccine and FluMist available at Benton Pediatrics for your child.

One more point: If your child is less than 9 years old and this is his first season to be vaccinated, the experts (and I) recommend two vaccines separated by at least one month.

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Call Us

Emergencies: let us know “it’s an emergency!”, and your call will be taken immediately.

Sick Visits: If your child is ill, call before noon, and we will see you that day.

Saturdays: We open Saturday mornings to see ill patients. Please call @ 8:30 to make an appointment. We do not have nurses available to return phone calls on Saturdays.

Thank you for your trust in us
It is our **PRIVILEGE**
to care for your child.

Our patients are the most important people in this practice - We see sick patients the same day they call, *even on Saturday*.

We are here to serve YOU!

Health Maintenance

We recommend “check-ups” at age 2 weeks, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 30 months, and then annually starting at 2 years of age.

Insurance

We accept most major insurance companies. Understanding your own health insurance coverage is very important.

You are responsible
for knowing what your coverage allows.

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

• We See Patients by Appointment Only •

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Visit us online and, if you’d like, sign up for **electronic** communication.

Confirm Your Appointment

Prescheduled appointments must be confirmed.

**Unconfirmed appointments
may be cancelled**

In order to accommodate all patients in a timely manner, it is important that appointments are kept. If appointments are not honored or are cancelled with insufficient notice, the treatment of other children is unnecessarily delayed.

You can confirm your appointment after hours via voice mail; just call 352-376-4542 for instructions, or you can email us at confirmbp@yahoo.com to confirm online.

Swim Safely

Drowning is the number one killer of children under five in Florida, and most drownings occur when it is warm outside, which in Florida can be nearly year-round.

- Never leave your child unsupervised.
- Make sure there are multiple barriers between your house and pool.
- Teach your child to swim and swim well.

Have a great, safe autumn!