

## ACADIANA ALLERGY CENTER

*In the office of*

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Thank you for choosing “Acadiana Allergy Center” as your allergy treatment provider. Now that your testing is complete, we would like to advise you of our clinic hours and the following guidelines, which help us to serve you more efficiently.

Our Acadiana Allergy Clinic hours are:

Monday & Wednesday	8:00 – 11:30	1:00 – 4:30
Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 – 4:30	
Friday	8:00 – 11:30	

For your testing date, please wear or bring a sleeveless shirt for your comfort and for the allergy nurses accessibility to the testing area (arms). Allow 1 to 1 ½ hours for the actual testing. If an child is being tested, he/she will only be allowed one parent to accompany him/her into the testing suite. If an adult is being tested, there are no children allowed in the allergy testing suite.

Your first shots will be given 2 times a week for the first 2 weeks. Thereafter, you will receive shots on a weekly basis until your nurse discusses a change with you. Weekly shots may be taken between 6 and 8 days apart.

Please stay in the waiting room for 20 minutes after your injections, and then have a nurse check the injection site for local reactions before you leave the office.

If you miss shots for more than 21 days, your doses will be decreased. If you miss shots for 6 months or more, you must be retested. Retesting is accomplished by appointment for your convenience.

Children under the age of 18 must either be accompanied by a parent or have a treatment release form (signed by their parent or legal guardian) in their chart. Forms are available from our Receptionist.

Please schedule your appointment at least one week in advance. You may block 4 weeks ahead if you please. Our staff will always attempt to accommodate you should you have special circumstances. We cannot provide you with the efficient service and personal attention you deserve should you “walk in” without a scheduled appointment.

Please call us as soon as possible if you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment. This will ensure maximum utilization of available appointments for all patients and enable you to reschedule at your convenience.

Our waiting room space is limited. To insure your comfort during periods of peak activity, we ask you to “minimize” the number of “non-patients” accompanying you to the clinic. There are chairs in the building lobby where friends and family may wait.

Please do not bring food or drink to the clinic. This is a “smoke free” building, smoking is strictly forbidden. In deference to our patients with chemical sensitivities, please do not wear cologne, perfume, aftershave, or scented body lotions when you come to our office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your allergy treatment, medications, symptoms, or appointments, please call 989-4453 x 100 during our regular clinic hours. We will be happy to assist you.

Again, thank you for your patience, cooperation and consideration for others. It helps us meet ALL of our patients’ needs.

Acadiana Allergy Center Staff