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# Vaccine Policy

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We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives. Our physicians believe that all children should be fully immunized unless there are medical contradictions.

Because all available scientific evidence favors vaccinating according to the schedule set forth by the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and ACIP, and because not following this schedule can potentially harm other children in our office.

- i We will no longer see families who choose not to vaccinate their children according to the recommended schedule.\*
- i We will no longer follow "Alternative Vaccine Schedules".
- i Patients who currently use such schedules will need to follow the recommended catch-up schedule\* should they continue to choose our doctors for their child's pediatrician.

We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as healthcare providers, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and the vaccine schedule are the results of years and years of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

As healthcare providers, it is our responsibility to protect as many children from disease as possible.

Parents who choose not to have their children vaccinated according to guidelines not only put their children at risk of getting sick, but also indirectly put other children at risk. This is why we feel strongly that the best way to protect the health of all children in our practice is to ensure that everyone follows the recommended schedule\*.

If your philosophy differs from ours, we request that you find another Pediatric Practice.

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\*Flu and HPV vaccines will remain optional, however, they are important vaccines and parents should discuss them fully with their Provider before declining them and a Refusal Form will have to be signed and kept in your records.