

Vaccine Policy Statement

We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives. We firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines. We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive all recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

All patients in the practice are required to receive a minimum of DTaP, Hib, polio, and pneumococcal vaccines by three months of age. By 9 months of age patients must have all immunizations recommended by the AAP in the first six months of life. By 18 months of age patients must have all immunizations recommended by the AAP in the first 15 months of life. Additional requirements include 2 Hepatitis A vaccines by age 2, all AAP recommended kindergarten booster vaccines by age 6 and the meningococcal and Tdap vaccines by age 12.

Finally, if you refuse to vaccinate your child despite all our efforts, we will ask you to find another health care provider who shares your views. We do not keep a list of such providers nor would we recommend any such physician. Please recognize that by not vaccinating, you are putting your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness, disability, and even death.

Please sign below to indicate that you are aware of and plan to abide by this policy.

Patient Name

Date of Birth

Signature

Date