



VACCINATION POLICY

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Dear Parents,

A Plus Pediatrics has made changes to the vaccine policy regarding new patients and Newborns in the practice. All Newborns and new patients will be required to fully vaccinate according to the schedule and guidelines put out by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control.

For sometime, we have been closely following the increasing rates of vaccine preventable illnesses. One of the reasons these illnesses are increasing is due to a decline in vaccination rates from parents choosing not to vaccinate. At the same time, our practice continues to see an increase in the number of patients whose parents are refusing to vaccinate their children or are requesting delays in vaccinating their children. We are concerned that the increase in these vaccine preventable illnesses poses an increasing risk to your child. We are also concerned about the risk that it poses on our youngest patients who are most vulnerable to these illnesses since certain vaccines cannot be given until they reach a specific age. We also care for children who have immunologic conditions that puts them at higher risk of lethal conditions if they contract these illnesses.

For this reason, if you decide not to vaccinate your child according to the schedule and guidelines put out by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control, **we must ask you to seek medical care for your child elsewhere.**

This has not been an easy decision for us to make. However, we firmly believe in the safety and efficacy of vaccines and in following with this belief all our of our own children are fully immunized. Based on all available evidence and studies we do not believe that vaccines cause autism or other developmental disorders, we have literature at our office that we can provide you that supports this.

We recognize that the choice to immunize can be very emotional for some parents. Should you have doubts or concerns please discuss this with us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you.

A Plus Pediatrics