

The Pediatric Clinic 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 the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, that vaccines and the preservatives in them do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.
- 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 their parent/caregiver. The recommended vaccines and the schedule by which they are given are the result of years of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of highly educated scientists and physicians.
- Unfortunately, because vaccines have been so effective, some people are starting to believe they are not needed because they have never seen anyone with serious illnesses such as polio, tetanus, measles, whooping cough, bacterial meningitis, etc. However, we have repeatedly seen that when rates of vaccination decrease, then these diseases start to reappear.
- Vaccination is also important not only for your own child's health, but for others as well. It helps protect those who cannot be vaccinated whether due to age or other medical reasons and others who are immune compromised.
- We realize that there can be a lot of misleading information that may cause fear regarding vaccines, however we urge you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have with your child's healthcare provider.
- If after discussing your concerns with your child's provider you are still unwilling to vaccinate according to the recommended schedule, then we will ask you to find another healthcare provider who shares your views.
- Thank you for reading our policy. We always strive to do what is best for our patients to keep them healthy and safe, which is why we firmly recommend vaccinations