

## **CARLISLE PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES \*\*VACCINE POLICY\*\***

CARLISLE PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES has carefully reviewed our approach to vaccinations in our practice. There are several factors that we feel have a bearing on this vaccine policy. Our practice wants to ensure all our patients, as well as the community at large, are as healthy as possible. One of the most important advancements in public health has been the development of vaccinations, so we strongly believe that all children should be immunized. Because of vaccines, many diseases have been eliminated or have become uncommon. Scientific research has consistently and overwhelmingly shown that vaccines are not only effective but also safe. To not have a child vaccinated not only puts that child at risk, but everyone with whom he or she encounters. That includes family members, classmates, and other children in our waiting room. Alternative or limited vaccination schedules have no benefits and can cause harm by leaving children vulnerable to deadly diseases.

CARLISLE PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES follows the recommended schedule of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). We look forward to providing the best care possible for our patients and their families. We respect the rights of all parents/guardians to make decisions and understand that you also want what is best for your children. We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent and to save lives.

**If you don't agree with the AAP for these vaccines, we will ask you to find another health care provider who shares your views.**

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and adolescents. We want your trust and will work to earn it. Thank you for your time in reading this policy and please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us.