

## **Pediatric Services of Springfield (P.S.S.)**

### **Required Vaccination Policy**

All children in our practice are expected to receive the following vaccines in accordance with AAP, CDC, ACIP, and Massachusetts school-entry guidelines, unless a valid medical contraindication exists:

- DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- IPV (Polio)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Hepatitis B: (Must start by 2 months)
- PCV (Pneumococcal)
- Tdap (Adolescents)
- Meningococcal (Adolescents)
- Hib (Haemophilus influenza type b)

#### **The following vaccines are strongly recommended:**

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| Hepatitis A              | Influenza | HPV       |
| COVID-19                 | RSV       | Rotavirus |
| Meningococcal B (Bexero) |           |           |

#### **Special Note – Hepatitis B:**

Hepatitis B is transmitted through birth, household contact, and blood exposure in early childhood. Massachusetts law requires Hepatitis B vaccination for school entry, and CDC recommends administration beginning at birth. P.S.S. does not allow omission of the Hepatitis B vaccine unless there is a valid ACIP-recognized medical contraindication. Parents may begin the series between birth and two months of age.

#### **Practice Policy Summary:**

- We follow AAP, CDC, ACIP, and Massachusetts school-entry guidelines.
- Only documented medical exemptions are permitted.
- Families refusing required vaccinations despite counseling may be dismissed from the practice in accordance with state regulations.
- All vaccine administration, counseling, refusals, and exemptions are documented in the medical record.

