



## VACCINATION POLICY

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Childhood vaccinations are very important in keeping children of all ages safe and healthy. Our practice strongly believes that keeping your child up to date on their vaccinations is important in your child's overall health. We understand that sometimes there are fears and concerns related to vaccines. We are committed to providing you with the most up to date information relating to childhood vaccines so you can make an informed decision when it comes to your child.

Our providers believe that vaccinations work to prevent preventable communicable diseases like Measles, Mumps, and Polio. They believe that vaccinations are essential in keeping our community and each other safe and healthy. For these reasons, our providers require vaccinations to be a patient in our practice. However, we are also sympathetic to the fears and concerns that you may have as a parent regarding vaccines. For this reason, we do allow you the choice to delay vaccines for your child's 1<sup>st</sup> year of life. Our providers offer a catch-up schedule to get your child back on schedule once they turn a year old.

Our providers require anyone who is delaying vaccinations to sign a contract that states that you agree to give your child's vaccinations after they turn 1 year old and that you agree to adhere to our clinic's vaccination catch-up schedule. Failure to keep this contract, keep appointments where vaccinations are given, or any other violation of this policy will result in your child being discharged from our medical practice. This is not an easy decision, and it is not meant to punish anyone for not vaccinating their child, however, it is for the safety and wellbeing of all our patients and staff members. If you have any questions related to this policy, please feel free to speak with one of our staff members.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_