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VACCINE POLICY

At Healthy Kids Pediatrics:

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 vaccinations should be received according to the schedule published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers, and that you can perform as parents.

We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

We are making you aware of these facts not to scare you, but to emphasize the importance of vaccinating your child. We will do everything we can to convince you that vaccinating according to the schedule is the right thing to do. However, should you have doubts, please discuss these with your health care provider in advance of your visit. In some cases, we may alter the schedule to accommodate parental concerns or reservations. Please be advised that delaying or “breaking up the vaccines” to give one or two at a time over two or more visits goes against expert recommendation, and can put your child at risk for serious illness (or even death) and goes against our medical advice as providers at **Healthy Kids Pediatrics**.

Healthy Kids Pediatrics does not accept new patients whose parents or guardian choose not to vaccinate or choose to delay recommended vaccines by more than 4 months. Parents or guardians of established patients who choose not to vaccinate or who delay vaccines by more than 4 months will be given a 1 month grace period to find another pediatrics practice. We will not be able to provide families with names of practices who accept unvaccinated or vaccine-delayed patients. Please recognize that an unvaccinated or vaccine-delayed child is at higher risk of life-threatening illness, disability, and death than vaccinated children. Furthermore, an unvaccinated or vaccine-delayed child puts other children at risk, especially those who are too young for vaccination or those who cannot receive vaccinations for various reasons.