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Vaccine Policy Statement

Our practice follows the CDC and AAP schedule for vaccinations which protect from communicable diseases that can put your child at unnecessary risk of life-threatening illness, disability or even death. The schedule is carefully designed to protect children at the time. We want all the patients in our practice to be immunized so that they have the greatest chance for a long, healthy life. When you don't vaccinate, you are taking a significant risk with your child's health and the health of others around them. We are making you aware of these facts not to scare you, but to inform you, and to emphasize the importance of vaccinating your child. In some cases, we may alter the schedule to accommodate parental concerns or reservations. **Please be advised, however, that delaying or "breaking up the vaccines" to give one or two at a time over two or more visits goes against expert recommendations, and can put your child at risk of serious illness (or even death) and goes against our medical advice as providers at Dallas Pediatrics.** Such additional visits may require additional co-pays on your part. Please realize that you will also be required to sign a "Refusal to Vaccinate" acknowledgement in the event of any delays.

Because we are committed to protecting the health of your children through vaccination, we require all of our patients to be vaccinated, unless undergoing chemotherapy or have a specific medical problem.

Finally, if you should absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child despite all our efforts, we will ask you to find another health-care provider who shares your views. We do not keep a list of such providers, nor would we recommend any such physician. Please recognize that by not vaccinating, you are putting your child at unnecessary risk of life-threatening illness, disability, and even death.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating your child on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do to protect all children and young adults. Thank you for taking the time to read this policy. We have included information regarding all the vaccines for you to review. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us.

Thank you,

Dallas Pediatrics