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VACCINE POLICY STATEMENT

Vaccines are one of the safest and most effective ways to protect children from serious and highly contagious illnesses. Some vaccines protect individual children directly, while others help protect vulnerable infants and patients in our office who may be too young or medically unable to receive certain immunizations. As healthcare providers dedicated to preventing illness and promoting lifelong health, **our practice** strongly recommends that **all children and young adults receive vaccines according to the schedules recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.**

We also understand that parents may have questions or concerns about vaccines given the large amount of information available today. Our goal is to partner with families by providing evidence-based guidance, answering questions openly, and supporting informed decision-making. For families who wish to **delay or space vaccines**, our physicians are willing to **work together** to create an approved alternative schedule that maintains the health and safety of your child and our patient community.

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- Vaccinations must **begin by the 4-month well visit**. If a child has not received any vaccines by the 6-month visit, the family may be asked to transition care to another practice better aligned with their preferences and healthcare goals.
- Families wishing to **delay or space vaccines** must establish an **alternative vaccine schedule** with their physician **prior to the 4-month visit** and are expected to **follow the agreed-upon plan**.
- Children **may not go two consecutive well visits without receiving vaccines** according to the approved schedule.
- **All required vaccines** should be completed **by the 2-year well visit**.
- If a family chooses to **discontinue vaccinations in the future**, our office may recommend **transitioning care to another provider** whose approach more closely matches the family's preferences.
- We will continue to **honor religious exemptions signed prior to 2019**. However, **our practice no longer signs new religious exemption forms for established patients**. Requests for **new exemptions** may require **families to transition care to another provider**.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO DISCUSS VACCINES WITH YOUR PEDIATRICIAN IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS. Every provider in our practice has dedicated their career to protecting children from preventable disease, and we believe families deserve clear information about the illnesses vaccines help prevent. We are always happy to answer questions, explain our recommendations, and work together to support your child's health and well-being.