



## Vaccine Policy

We believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.

We believe in the safety of the vaccines we provide.

We believe that all children and adolescents should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Center of Disease Control and American Academy of Pediatrics.

We believe, based on all the available literature, evidence and current studies, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities. We also believe that vaccinating children and adolescents may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we provide as your pediatrician.

We would like to emphasize the importance of vaccinating your child. We recognize that you may hear rumors or myths about vaccines. We are here to educate and inform you on each individual vaccine as well as the current vaccination schedule. Vaccine information sheets are provided for each vaccine. Should you have any questions please discuss them with your provider.

Please be advised, that "alternative schedules" or "breaking up the vaccines" goes against our recommendations. This can put your child at risk for serious illness or death. An Alabama Certificate of Immunization will not be given until your child is up to date on vaccines according to the American Academy of Pediatrics vaccine schedule.

**Should you refuse to vaccinate your child or choose an alternative schedule, we will ask that you find another health care provider.**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date