



PEDIATRICS

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Vaccine Statement Policy

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 children and young adults should receive all the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

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

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/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and their schedule are the results of validated scientific studies and data gathering done by thousands of the brightest scientists and physicians in the world.

We recognize that the choice may be an emotional one for some parents. 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; however, breaking that delay or "breaking up the vaccines" to give one or two at a time over a 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 SG Pediatrics of Lake Orion and you will have to come back every two weeks to get caught up.** Such additional visits may require additional co-pays on your part. **Also, the office will not provide letters or waivers unless there is a true medical contraindication.**

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 view. 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 and other children at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness, disability, and death.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with current available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults.

Thank you for your time reading this policy and please feel free to discuss any concerns you have about vaccines with any one of us.

Sincerely,

SG Pediatrics of Lake Orion

Parent Signature:

Patient Name:

Date:

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