

**“Because we care about your child”**



## **Vaccine Policy Statement**

Vaccines are effective in preventing serious illness and in saving lives.

Vaccines are safe.

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

Based on all current scientific evidence, vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities. Thimerosal, a preservative that was in vaccines for decades, does not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

Vaccinating children and young adults is the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers, and that you can perform as parents and caregivers. The recommended vaccines and their schedule are the results of years and years of scientific study and data-gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

As the percentage of unvaccinated children rises the risk of these terrible diseases to all children, even the vaccinated ones, also rises.

For all of these very important reasons it is an absolute requirement for ongoing care in our practice that your children be vaccinated on the recommended schedule.

***The Physicians and Nurse Practitioners of  
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