

Union Hill Pediatrics' Vaccine Policy Statement

We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives. We also firmly believe, based on all available literature, that vaccines are safe. Please realize, that by not vaccinating, you are putting your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, and even death.

It is our policy that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The goal of our current immunization schedule is to provide your child maximum protection, as early as possible, to any vaccine-preventable illness. In rare cases, we may be requested to alter the schedule to accommodate parental concerns or reservations. Please be advised, however, that delaying or “breaking up the vaccines”, goes against expert recommendations, goes against our medical advice as providers at Union Hill Pediatrics, and most importantly, has no medical benefit whatsoever. Should you choose to delay any vaccines against our medical recommendations, we do require that you initiate the vaccine schedule by two months of age and complete it by age two.

Finally, if you should absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child despite all our efforts to educate you about the benefits and safety, we would encourage you to find another health care provider who shares your views. We cannot, however, recommend any such physician.

Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of our physicians.

Sincerely,

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