

At Sunshine Pediatrics, LLC, we firmly believe in the effectiveness and safety of childhood vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives, and we fully support the vaccination of all children and young adults. Vaccines have saved more lives in the past century than any other medical intervention and, as a result, most people in this country have never seen a child with polio, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), bacterial meningitis or chicken pox. Indeed, vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as healthcare providers, and that you can perform as responsible parents and guardians.

We fully support the childhood vaccines and schedules recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The recommended vaccines and the schedule for their administration are the result of many years of vetted, evidence-based, scientific study, and data gathered from the billions of children who have been immunized.

In this office we see many patients who are too young to be vaccinated and are at risk for contracting a vaccine preventable disease from a child who is unvaccinated. While you may choose to assume the risk that you or your child might contract a vaccine-preventable illness, we cannot assume that risk for our patients.

As dedicated pediatric healthcare professionals, we feel strongly that vaccinating our patients on schedule with currently available vaccines is the right approach to keeping them safe and healthy. ***If, however, despite our professional recommendations, you feel you cannot follow the CDC and AAP vaccine schedule recommendations, we ask that you find another healthcare provider who shares your views.***

Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns that you have about vaccines and their schedules with our providers during your office visit. We look forward to continue providing the best care possible for all our patients and their families.

Sincerely,

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