



Pediatric Vaccine Policy:

It is the policy of Immaculate Heart of Mary Family Health Center that our patients receive the CDC recommended vaccine schedule. If it is not your intention to follow the standard CDC vaccine schedule than we respectfully ask that you seek medical care from another facility.

We believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives. We believe in the safety of our vaccines. We believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We recognize that the choice of whether or not to vaccinate your children may be a very emotional one for some parents. Should you have doubts, please discuss these with your healthcare provider in advance of your visit. In some cases, we may alter the schedule to accommodate parental concerns or reservations.

Because we are committed to protecting the health of your children through vaccination, we require all of our pediatric patients to be vaccinated. Infants will receive all age-appropriate recommended vaccines by three months of age, with additional recommended vaccines as well as booster doses by two years of age. Children will receive additional recommended booster doses by the time they are seven years old, and will be given recommended 11–12-year preteen vaccinations by the time they are 13 years old. We will complete 16-year teen vaccinations before each child's 17th birthday. And, we will also give your child/teen an annual influenza vaccination unless they receive it at a school clinic or pharmacy.

Finally, if you should absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child we will ask you to find another healthcare provider who shares your views. 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 at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, and even death.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating your child on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do to protect all children and young adults. Thank you for taking the time to read this policy. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us.

Responsible Party: _____

Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

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