

The Pediatric Group, PC Vaccination Policy

One of the most important services we can provide our patients is vaccinations against life-threatening disease. Our providers firmly believe in the safety and effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives. We believe that **vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities**; in fact, medical literature and scientific studies have shown no such link.

TPG feels that childhood vaccines are critical to maintaining healthy children and communities. As medical professionals, we resolutely believe that vaccinating children on schedule as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Board of Pediatrics (AAP) is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults.

Our policy is that:

- We adhere to the AAP immunization guidelines that are available at <http://www2.aap.org/immunization/izschedule.html>. You may ask anyone in our offices for a copy of the recommended vaccine schedule.
- Children must receive all vaccines recommended by the AAP that are mandated for school entry by the state of Virginia.
- We do not allow 'alternative schedules' or 'breaking up vaccines'. Any parents who refuse to adhere to the AAP recommended vaccine schedule without medical reason to do so may be discharged from our practice and be asked to find another health care provider who shares their views.

Our providers welcome discussion about our vaccine policy with any of our families. We hope you understand we have created this vaccine policy to protect children, their families, and their communities from deadly, preventable disease by administering safe and effective vaccines.

We encourage to you to discuss any concerns or questions you may have about vaccines with one of our medical providers.