



## Vaccine Policy Statement

At PediatriCare Associates, our top priority is the health and safety of all our patients, especially our most vulnerable, including infants who are too young to be vaccinated and those with medical conditions that prevent them from receiving immunizations.

In accordance with best practices and public health guidelines, we have adopted the following **Vaccine Policy** for all families in our practice:

### Vaccination Requirements

- **Start of Vaccination:** All patients must begin receiving recommended childhood vaccinations by **6 months of age and follow a mutually agreeable schedule.**
- **Full Compliance:** By **2 years of age**, all patients must be **fully up to date with the state-mandated vaccine schedule** unless a valid medical exemption is documented.

This policy is not only in alignment with the guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), but also reflects our commitment to maintaining a safe clinical environment for all.

### Medical Exemptions

We recognize that some children may have legitimate medical contraindications to vaccination. These cases will be reviewed and must be supported by appropriate documentation from a board-certified medical provider.

### Why This Policy Is Important

Vaccination is a cornerstone of public health. Ensuring high immunization coverage protects:

- **All children from serious vaccine preventable disease.**
- **Young infants** who are not yet eligible for many vaccines.
- **Immunocompromised patients** who rely on herd immunity for protection.
- **The broader community** by helping prevent outbreaks of preventable diseases.

### Non-Compliance

Families who are unable or unwilling to follow this vaccine policy will be asked to transfer care to another provider who better aligns with their preferences.

We understand that decisions about vaccinations can be deeply personal. Our role is to provide evidence-based care and to uphold policies that protect our patient community as a whole.

If you have questions about this policy or would like to discuss your child's vaccination schedule, we are here to support you.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's care.