

Vaccination Policy

We firmly believe that vaccinating children and adolescents is to be the single most important health promoting intervention we perform as health care providers, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). We believe in the safety and effectiveness of vaccines and the many years of scientific study that has gone into their creation and scheduling. We believe that every child has the right to be protected from preventable disease and that to provide the best possible care to all of our patients, we must protect those too young or too ill to receive vaccines themselves. We DO NOT believe that there is any link between any vaccine and autism or any other disability. The literature, evidence, and continued monitoring of vaccines supports this.

New Patient Policy

- We do not accept new patients that choose not to vaccinate according to the CDC immunization schedule.
- All new patients will be required to provide proof of immunizations in order to make an appointment to see a provider.
- Alternate vaccine schedules will NOT be considered.

Current Patient Policy

Members of this practice prior to our vaccine policy going into effect August 2016, may continue with their current non-vaccinated status, but ongoing efforts will be made to encourage vaccinations.

Current Patients on an alternate vaccination schedule may continue with their current status but we will no longer be administering these vaccinations in office. You will be asked to contact the Health Department to receive further vaccinations until the patient is caught up.

As always the health of our patients and community is a top priority, and we feel vaccines are a safe and important part of maintaining healthy patients to thrive in a healthy community. We encourage you to reach out to any of our providers with questions about the safety and efficacy of vaccines, and why we feel they are so vital.

Sincerely,

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New Patient Vaccine Contract

As per our New Patient Vaccine Policy (V01.1) all new patients and families welcomed into our practice must be fully vaccinated, and provide proof of vaccination status. **(This does not refer in any way to the vaccinations for COVID-19. All current and new patients will be seen regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status.)**

By signing below I acknowledge and agree to following:

- All new patients will agree to being fully immunized to New York State requirements.
- Alternative schedules will not be considered. Our Practice follows the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines.
- Our practice believes there are no legitimate objections to receiving vaccines. (This includes but is not limited to religious, personal or moral objections.)
- Medical exemptions will be the ONLY exception to this policy and documentation of such will be reviewed/verified by our providers.
- All new patients/families are asked to sign this policy. If you do not agree with or feel you cannot comply with this policy, our practice is not a good fit for you.
- Any patient/family who chooses at a later date to no longer adhere to the CDC vaccine administration schedule will be asked to find a new practice.
- I understand that these policies are in place for the health of myself, my child(ren) and the community, and are put in place by the office of Dr.Christopher Beney M.D., P.C. in order to provide the best evidence based healthcare possible.

I have read and understand the office vaccine policy and agree to adhere to all terms and conditions.

Patient Name: _____

Responsible Party Name: _____

Relationship to Patient: _____

Responsible Party Signature: _____