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Vaccine Policy

We firmly believe in the safety and effectiveness of vaccines to prevent illness and to save lives. We firmly 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 the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We firmly believe that vaccinating everyone, especially children, may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers. The recommended vaccines and their schedule given are the results of years and years of scientific study and data gathering. Vaccines work best when given at certain ages, making it important to adhere to recommended schedules.

We firmly believe, based upon all available literature, evidence, and current studies, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities. Please talk to your healthcare provider should you have any question or concerns about our vaccine policy. Please know that our office policy states that infants must begin vaccinations in our practice by the 6th month check up. Older children must adhere to current guidelines in vaccination. Refusal to vaccinate according to the Healthy Steps Pediatrics policy will result in asking you to seek healthcare for your child or children elsewhere with a provider that shares your views.

You have the right to ask any questions about vaccinations and the right to receive a Vaccine Information Statement, which details the individual vaccinations, as well as the possible reactions. Although Healthy Steps Pediatrics respects the right of every parent to make a choice for their own child regarding vaccines, it is our right and responsibility to protect all the patients and families we care for. With this in mind, effective immediately we will no longer retain any purposefully unvaccinated patients in our practice. We urge you to start vaccinations now. You have thirty days to initiate vaccinations or for sick care. After 30 days, if you do not begin vaccinations, you will no longer be seen at Healthy Steps Pediatrics, LLC.

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