

## **Vaccine (Immunization) Policy**

R & R Pediatrics, PLLC, policy requires all children under the age of 18 years to be vaccinated against mandatory vaccine-preventable diseases. These vaccines include DTaP, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib), MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), Meningococcal, Polio, Pneumococcal Conjugate, Rotavirus, Tdap and Varicella. We strongly recommend optional vaccines like HPV and Influenza.

The providers at R & R Pediatrics strongly believe in the effectiveness of current vaccines to prevent serious life-threatening diseases and save many lives. We strongly believe in the safety of current vaccines.

We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive all the recommended vaccines according to the AAP, ACIP and CDC published immunization schedule. These agencies developed the schedules after several years of extensive scientific research by our brightest scientists and physicians.

Delaying or breaking up the schedule to give 1 or 2 vaccines at a time over 2 or more months, goes against the expert recommendations and put your child at risk for serious illness or even death and also can transmit these diseases to children around them. This goes against what we believe is best practice as medical providers at R & R Pediatrics. It is also against the law in the state of North Carolina, not to vaccinate your child with the required vaccines for public school or daycare attendance.

New patients to R & R Pediatrics, must provide written vaccination documentation from prior provider before their first visit. We do not take parent written record or any verbal confirmation of vaccination by parent.

We do not honor or grant Religious or Personal belief exemptions and will not grant any letter to school or any other agency with those exemptions.

We recognize that making decision regarding how to vaccinate your child may be very emotional to some parents. We will do our best to help you understand that vaccinating your child according to the recommended schedule is right thing to do and answer your concerns and questions.

With all our efforts to make you understand the effectiveness and safety of vaccines and you still absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child, we will ask you to find another practice who shares and agrees your philosophy and preferences. As medical professionals, we strongly believe that vaccinating all children and young adults on current recommended schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely right thing to do.

If you still have any concerns, feel free to discuss with our team before your child's first appointment.