



## VACCINE POLICY STATEMENT

We at Pediatric and Adolescent Health Partners firmly believe in the safety and efficacy of vaccines to prevent serious illness, decrease severity of illness, and to save lives.

We believe that all children and young adults should receive each of the vaccines recommended by major health care organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, World Health Organization, and the Centers for Disease Control.

We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important form of preventative medicine that we can provide as healthcare providers.

We recognize that the choice may be an emotional one for some families and encourage questions to your healthcare provider. We are happy to provide education and reassurance regarding vaccination.

In rare circumstances, we may allow vaccines to be delayed or postponed. However, it is important to note that this is not in line with the best practices recommended by major health organizations. Delaying vaccines can put your child at risk for serious illness or even death, and it goes against the collective medical advice of the providers at PAHP.

If you should refuse to vaccinate your child according to these requirements, we will ask you to find another healthcare provider who shares your views. It is not our responsibility to provide recommendations for additional providers. Recognize that by choosing not to vaccinate, you are putting your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness, disability, and even death.

As medical professionals we feel strongly that vaccinating your child on schedule is absolutely the right thing to protect all children and young adults. Thank you for taking the time to read this policy. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any of our providers.