



South County Pediatrics Vaccine Policy

We at South County Pediatrics support all immunizations currently available and believe that appropriate vaccination is the standard of care in pediatrics. Immunizations have a well proven benefit worldwide and our experience here at South County Pediatrics completely supports this benefit.

We believe that our responsibility for being advocates of children requires us to make a strong and positive statement of the need to immunize children fully.

We are aware that concerns about vaccines have arisen in the public. Vaccines have been blamed for a number of problems that occur in children and have later been found NOT to be the cause of these conditions. As a result of the anecdotal concerns, unqualified individuals have recommended delaying or modifying the CDC vaccine schedule. Some have recommended not immunizing at all. These changes to the vaccine schedules are not founded on scientific evidence and put children at the risk for serious, even life-threatening illness.

As pediatricians, our primary concern is the health of your child. It would be unethical for us to participate in a practice that goes against our professional training, the recommendations of medical authorities, and our experience as pediatricians.

It is against our principals to deny children the well proven health benefits of the vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP – Center for Disease Control and Prevention).

We are therefore unable to accept the request to be the provider of medical care for children who do not receive routine, regularly scheduled vaccinations. We are not dictating how you manage the healthcare of your children, but we cannot accept patients who ask us to compromise our standards and health of our patients.

We are happy to schedule time to discuss vaccines and to provide educational resources to help you understand our position.

Parent/Patient Signature: _____ **Date:** _____