

Child Care Consultants

Vaccine Policy

Effective 7/1/2019

We at Child Care Consultants are dedicated to providing the best care that we can for our patients. We feel to do this effectively we must enter into a partnership based on mutual trust with our patients so that TOGETHER we can achieve this goal. We believe that immunizations are one of the most important health interventions a parent can do on behalf of their children and we want all of our patients to benefit from this modern lifesaving tool.

While we recognize and respect the parents' role as the ultimate decision maker for their child's healthcare, we believe strongly that we are obligated to deliver the best and safest healthcare possible for our patients and our community. The following is a policy our office has set for all patients:

- Child Care Consultants will not accept NEW patients or NEW babies whose parents refuse all vaccines for their child.
- Child Care Consultants will accept NEW patients who wish to follow an altered vaccine schedule as long as parents agree to complete the vaccination schedule by the age of 24 months. This does include one dose of MMR. We are not recommending any alternative schedules; Child Care Consultants continues to follow the guidelines set by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- If parents refuse vaccines for a new baby in an established family, we will not accept such newborns as patients of this practice per our policy.
- For patients who are not adequately vaccinated but who are already established patients of Child Care Consultants, we will follow these guidelines:
 - We will continue to educate parents about the benefits of vaccinations to their children. We will also explain any and all risks of not vaccinating against several childhood diseases and infections. Vaccine Information Sheets will be given to parents.
 - A dismissal letter will be sent to families that refuse to vaccinate so that they will have 30 days to find another provider willing to see their child/children. Dismissal will be for the entire family not just one child.
 - If established patient is already on an alternative schedule, it must be reviewed and signed by provider upon first visit after this policy went into effect. All documentation will be in the chart.
 - Parents of such children need to inform our staff/providers on the phone and in our office and other providers such as those in an urgent care setting or ER about the vaccination status of their child whenever medical care is sought for them.
 - Parents of these children must follow our exposure policy when their child is brought in for an evaluation of symptoms such as a cold, cough, rash, fever, etc. This is to minimize any possible exposure to other patients.

Child Care Consultants feels it is best for all children to be vaccinated. It is in the best interest of your child. Please take the time to preview any and all precautions and concerns with the provider at your visit.

PATIENT NAME: _____ **PATIENT DOB:** _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____