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## **DVPA VACCINE POLICY**

We place great importance on the well-being of your children and want to share our perspective on vaccines along with our vaccination policy. We believe that vaccines play a crucial role in promoting health and preventing serious illnesses, and we encourage all children and young adults to receive the recommended vaccines according to the schedule outlined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

While we understand that vaccination can be a topic of discussion, we want to assure you that our position is based on extensive research and the consensus of the medical community. Numerous studies have consistently shown that vaccines are safe, effective, and do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities. On the contrary, vaccines have proven to be a vital safeguard, sparing millions of children from devastating diseases like polio, tetanus, whooping cough, and measles.

We acknowledge that making decisions about vaccination can be a personal and emotional choice for parents. However, it is our professional duty to inform you that by not vaccinating your child, there may be an unnecessary risk of serious illness, disability, or even death. Additionally, this decision may inadvertently contribute to the risk of serious illness among children who cannot receive vaccines due to underlying health issues such as childhood cancer.

In light of these considerations, we encourage parents to follow the recommended vaccination schedule without delay or breaking up vaccines over multiple visits. We kindly request parents with under- or non-immunized children to schedule appointments to bring their immunizations up to date.

While we respect individual choices, we regret to inform you that we cannot accept new patients who refuse to vaccinate their children. It's important to note that adherence to our vaccination policy is a fundamental aspect of our practice. If our policy does not align with your beliefs, Delaware Valley Pediatrics may not be the right fit for your children.

As medical professionals, we are steadfast in our belief that timely vaccination with currently available vaccines is in the best interest of children and young adults. We invite you to discuss any concerns with your provider, as open communication is crucial in ensuring the health and well-being of your family.

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