

## Vaccination and Fetal Stem Cells

SFM opposes Abortion, and any medical treatments that would purposefully end the life of an unborn child. (Psalm 139:13-16)

MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis A vaccines are \*only available as vaccines made from Fetal Stem Cells (tissue taken from children that were aborted). These vaccines (as best as we understand) do not involve the ongoing destruction of unborn children. There are no available alternatives at this time for MMR, Varicella, or Hepatitis A vaccines in the US.

Grievously, the use of Fetal Stem Cells to produce vaccines has opened their use to other medical therapies and the ongoing harvesting of fetal tissues.

SFM participates in the Idaho State-funded purchasing pool. As a requirement, SFM must offer (but not require) all CDC-recommended vaccines.

Thankfully, most of the vaccines we have access to are NOT made using fetal stem cells.

SFM does not make a recommendation for or against these vaccines. Medical technology that uses existing fetal stem cells is a challenging ethical issue for Christians (Please see links below).

SFM will:

- Encourage parents to consider vaccination as part of well-child medical care.
- Provide accurate information to parents regarding vaccination, including how vaccines are produced.
- Support parental choice, including the right to decline vaccination.
- Never mandate vaccination in order to receive medical care.

*Parents are encouraged to be well informed, both on the risks and benefits of vaccination, particularly if choosing to forgo vaccination.*

Idaho allows parents to sign an [Exemption Form](#) (on Medical, Religious, or Philosophical basis) This form does \*not require a physician signature.

Fetal Stem Cell Documentation:

[Abortion-Tainted Vaccines for US and Canada and Ethical Alternatives](#)

[Cell Lines Used for Viral Vaccine Production - Charlotte Lozier Institute](#)

[Most Common Fetal Cell Lines and Their Uses \(Chronologically Ordered\)](#)

Articles For Consideration:

[Is It True That Vaccinations Contain Material from Aborted Babies? - Resources - Eternal Perspective Ministries](#)

[DEVELOPMENT OF VACCINES FROM ABORTED BABIES](#)

[Use of Aborted Fetal Tissue in Vaccines and Medical Research Obscures the Value of All Human Life](#)