



Weiss Pediatric Care

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Vaccine Statement

We firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.

We firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines.

We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence and current studies, that neither vaccines nor thimerosal cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

We firmly believe that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccines and the published schedule are the results of years and years of scientific study and data gathering on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

Unfortunately, the vaccine campaign is truly a victim of its own success. It is precisely because vaccines are so effective at preventing illness that we are even discussing whether or not they should be given. Because of vaccines, many of you have never seen a child with polio, tetanus, whooping cough, bacterial meningitis or even chickenpox, or known a friend or family member whose child died of one of these diseases. Such successes can make us complacent about the need for vaccination. However, as such opinions are becoming more globally widespread, we are witnessing the resurgence of many of these diseases. This is already leading to tragic results.

We are making you aware of these facts not to scare you or coerce you, but to emphasize the importance of vaccinating your child. We recognize that the choice may be a very emotional one for some parents. We will try our best to address your concerns and doubts and help show you that vaccinating according to the recommended schedule is in the best interest of your child and the community as a whole.

Please understand that delaying or “breaking up” the vaccines to give one or two at a time over two or more visits goes against expert recommendations and can put your child at risk for serious illness or even death. Doing these things also goes against our medical advice at Weiss Pediatric Care.

As medical professionals, we feel strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults. Should you choose not to vaccinate your child, or wish to alter the recommended vaccination schedule, we advise you to choose another health care provider who shares your views.

We will gladly address any additional items you would like to discuss on an individual basis.