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### Vaccine Policy Statement

The physicians at Tri-County Pediatrics strongly believe in effective communication concerning vaccine benefits and risks.

- As healthcare professionals we communicate and educate parent/guardian the benefit and risks of all vaccinations.
- We strive to stay on track with the vaccine schedule and encourage parents to follow the time schedule that is given as it is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- In order to help protect and prevent against emerging infectious diseases it is strongly recommended that vaccines not be broken up since better immunity is obtained when combinations are used and given on time.
- We understand parents are concerned with possible side effects that may occur due to vaccinations. We give out information on the vaccines as well as a list of internet sites for parents who wish for more information.

[www.cispimmunize.org](http://www.cispimmunize.org) (AAP website)

[www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) (CDC)

[www.immunizationinfo.org](http://www.immunizationinfo.org) (National Network for Immunization Information)

[www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org) (Immunization Action Coalition)

All vaccines recorded in the patients chart and reported to the Georgia Registry of Immunization to ensure that each patient's vaccination history remain current.

- No alternative vaccine schedule will be approved/allowed. Parents interested in alternate vaccine schedule may follow up at the Health Department.
- If you refuse to vaccinate, we will give you 90 days to reconsider your decision. Please understand if you still do not want your child to be vaccinated we will release you from the practice and suggest that you find another healthcare provider.

**Parent or Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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