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Pediaplace Pediatrics Vaccination Policy

Pediaplace Pediatrics will not be able to care for families that choose not to vaccinate their children. Effective March 1, 2017, established patients that do not vaccinate will have 30 days to find a new physician. We will assist you with the transition. Patients that are delayed on the required vaccines will be given 30 days to begin to comply with our new policy. If your child is delayed we will provide suitable appointments to get your child's vaccinations up to date.

For many years our physicians have done their best to support families who are concerned about vaccinating their children. Our philosophy has been to provide reasoned information that can help alleviate those concerns and ultimately encourage all parents to comply with the recommendations of the medical community. Unfortunately, there are a fair amount of families that do not vaccinate and the amount is growing. As of March 1, 2017 we have revised our vaccine policy to strictly follow the recommendations of the CDC vaccination guidelines.

The physicians at Pediaplace Pediatrics have struggled with this decision but due to the increased potential for our infants and children with chronic medical problems being exposed to vaccine preventable diseases, we have decided to change our vaccine policy. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you and your family. We strive to support you to provide the best medical care for your child/children and vaccines are an important part of that care.

Below are a few links to important information about vaccines. We would be happy to provide copies of these and other peer reviewed articles about vaccine risks, benefits and safety. If you choose to look for medical care elsewhere, we wish you and your family a healthy future.

- If You Choose Not to Vaccinate Your Child, Understand the Risks and Responsibilities <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/conversations/downloads/not-vacc-risks-color-office.pdf</u>
- Clear Answers and Smart Advice About Your Baby's Shots <u>http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2068.pdf</u>
- What if You Don't Vaccinate Your Child? http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4017.pdf
- Vaccine Safety : The Facts <u>https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/Vaccine-Safety-The-Facts.aspx</u>

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