



## **Vaccine Policy**

At *Sunrise Pediatrics*, we believe that vaccines are a vital part of protecting your child's health and the health of our community. Our vaccine policy is based on decades of scientific research, public health guidelines, and our commitment to maintaining a safe environment for all patients in our care.

### **Our Policy on Vaccinations**

- We follow the immunization schedule recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).
- At the same time, we respect a parent's right to make medical decisions for their child. We welcome open conversations about vaccines and are happy to discuss any questions or concerns so we can work together on a plan that feels safe and informed.

### **Vaccine Refusal After Preparation**

If a vaccine is refused after it has been prepared, a fee will be incurred to cover the cost of the vaccine. This policy is in place because vaccines are costly and time-sensitive once drawn and prepared for administration.

### **Why Vaccines Are Important**

Vaccines are safe, effective, and critical in preventing serious illnesses such as measles, polio, and whooping cough. Choosing not to vaccinate: puts your child at increased risk for preventable disease, increases the risk of spreading illness to others (including infants and immunocompromised individuals) and jeopardizes the health and safety of all patients who visit our practice.

### **New Patients**

Families joining Sunrise Pediatrics will be expected to provide a current immunization record at their first visit. If your child is not up to date, our team will work with you to create an appropriate catch-up schedule if desired.