The Kids Clinic Vaccination Policy

The pediatricians at The Kids Clinic firmly believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives. We firmly believe in the safety of our vaccines. All children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the <u>Advisory Committee on Immunization</u>

<u>Practices</u> and the <u>American Academy of Pediatrics</u>.

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

For these reasons, The Kids Clinic expects all parents to vaccinate their children in a comprehensive and timely way according to the recommended primary and preschool vaccination schedules, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

In the case of specific vaccines recommended but not required for school enrollment, such as vaccinations to prevent COVID, Influenza, and Human Papilloma virus, parents can expect that we will encourage consideration of providing these vaccinations for their child. We will discuss the safety and benefits of these vaccines.

While we are happy to answer questions and discuss the safety and efficacy of the vaccines we offer, for those families that choose not to have their child complete the primary and preschool vaccination schedule, as outlined above, we will ask you to find another healthcare provider who shares your views. We do not keep a list of such providers, nor would we recommend any such physician.

Please recognize that we believe that by not vaccinating, you are putting your child at unnecessary risk for life-threatening illness and disability, and even death. As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating your child on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do to protect all children and young adults.

We encourage any parent who wants to learn more to visit the following websites with reliable, scientific information to explain all aspects of vaccines – from manufacturing, to how they work to protect children, to data regarding safety and efficacy.

Find vaccine information here:

<u>American Academy of Pediatrics</u> – Dedicated to the health of all children. Its website provides reliable and authoritative advice on a variety of child health issues, including immunizations.

<u>Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: Vaccines – Provides complete, up-to-date and reliable information about vaccines.</u>

<u>Immunize.org</u> – Creates and distributes educational materials about the delivery of safe and effective immunization services.

<u>VaccinateYourFamily.org</u> – Learn why immunizing your child on time, every time is the right choice.

Thank you for taking the time to read this policy. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us.

Sincerely,

