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Vaccine Policy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Chestnut Hill Pediatrics hopes to create a relationship of trust and mutual understanding with each family in our practice. We also have a duty to provide the best evidence-based care for your child and to protect all of our patients from exposure to preventable diseases. We strongly believe in the importance of vaccines. Vaccines save lives.

Our practice uses the standard vaccine schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Millions of children worldwide receive the same vaccines we give in our office. The vaccines have been extensively studied for safety and effectiveness. Not vaccinating your child and alternative vaccine schedules increase your child's risk of disease and medical errors.

Families who choose not to vaccinate their children or do not adhere to a mutually acceptable vaccine schedule may be asked to leave our practice. Medical exemptions will be granted for legitimate medical contraindications after discussion with your child's provider. Religious exemptions come from the parent/guardian and state in writing that a vaccine conflicts with their sincerely held religious belief.

We are happy to answer questions you may have about this policy. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

The Team at Chestnut Hill Pediatrics