



At Arbor Medical Partners, we affirm the following:

- Vaccines are safe.
- Vaccines are effective in preventing serious and life-threatening illnesses and certain types of cancers
- All infants, children, and young adults should receive recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Center for Disease Control, and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

We have a responsibility as healthcare professionals to protect the health of all children in our community. Vaccinating children may be one of the most important health-promoting interventions we perform as healthcare providers, and you can perform as parents and caregivers. The recommended vaccines and the vaccine schedule are result of years of scientific study and extensive medical research by experts in several fields of medicine, including immunology and public health.

Arbor Medical Partners fully supports that, based on all the available data, scientific literature, current studies, and evidence-based medicine, vaccines are safe. Not vaccinating your child or vaccinating your child according to a “alternate” vaccine schedule is putting your child and other children at risk. Children who are not vaccinated or are on delayed schedules are at a much higher risk of catching vaccine preventable diseases and may be contagious before they show symptoms. This puts everyone, but especially infants and immunocompromised patients/children, at risk.

As medical professionals and your trusted partner in the care of your children, we will be implementing the following policy regarding vaccinations starting January 2024:

- **New patients transferring to our practice who are under immunized, or on an “alternative schedule” need to schedule an appointment with a provider to discuss/initiate a “catch-up” immunization plan according to the current AAP recommended immunization catch-up. A written plan for receiving vaccines is completed during this visit, which will include a minimum of at least one vaccine given at least every other month (dependent on vaccine and catch up schedule) with the goal of being fully vaccinated by age 5.**
- **If you are already an established family at one of Arbor Medical Partners practices and choose not to receive certain vaccines as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Center for Disease Control, we will require you to sign a refusal to vaccinate form at each wellness exam, acknowledging the risks and that you have been counseled about them.**
- **Families who do not wish to vaccinate may not be the best fit for any of the Arbor Medical Partner’s practices. Therefore, Arbor Medical Partner practices will no longer accept new patients from unestablished families who are choosing not to vaccinate.**

Thank you for taking the time to read through Arbor Medical Partner’s vaccine statement. The clinicians at staff all look forward to partnering with you to care for your child/children. We are grateful that you have put your trust in us in caring for your child/children.

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Care Giver Name: _____

Signature: _____