



## PEDIATRIC MEDICAL GROUP OF SANTA MARIA VACCINATION POLICY

At Pediatric Medical Group of Santa Maria, we are deeply committed to providing the very best compassionate, evidence-based care to all our patients. A key part of this commitment is ensuring the health and safety of every child and family who entrusts us with their care.

We firmly believe that timely and complete vaccination is an essential component of protecting your child, other children in our office, and our entire community from potentially life-threatening illnesses. Vaccines not only safeguard the health of your child but also play a critical role in protecting those who are too young to be vaccinated or those with medical conditions that prevent them from receiving vaccines. Their safety relies on the rest of us doing our part to maintain a healthy and protected community.

In alignment with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), we strongly believe that all children and young adults should receive all vaccines according to the published immunization schedule. This schedule has been carefully designed to provide the best protection at the optimal time for each child.

To uphold our duty to protect the health of all children in our practice, we have made the decision to only accept patients whose families are committed to following the CDC-recommended vaccination schedule. Families who choose to forgo any of these recommended vaccines will not be able to remain patients in our practice.

Our goal as health care providers is to provide quality health care to each and every one of our patients. By administering vaccines according to the recommended schedule, we are protecting the health of all patients we serve.

\*Flu, HPV and Covid-19 vaccines will remain optional as they are not state required.

Thank you for your trust in us to care for your child.