STEPPING STONE PEDIATRICS

VACCINE POLICY

At Stepping Stone Pediatrics, we firmly believe that vaccines are important to the health and well-being of all children. We adhere to the immunization schedule and recommendations as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Furthermore, we participate in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program and provide vaccines to all children, regardless of their ability to pay. At each visit, we will review your child's vaccine status, discuss all appropriate vaccines and information related to the vaccines, and administer vaccines as agreed upon.

Stepping Stone Pediatrics requires all of its patients – new and existing – to be fully immunized or be working toward fully immunized status. It is our office policy that each patient who does not comply fully to the CDC vaccine schedule (i.e. alternative vaccine schedule) to schedule a meeting to draft and establish a written mutually agreeable vaccine plan and timetable of when these vaccines are going to be administered. Our provider must endorse this plan and the administration of such vaccines must be strictly adhered.

Due to the increasing rates of vaccine-preventable diseases, both locally and globally, we are unable to care for patients who are unvaccinated, or who are unable to provide us with a written plan as noted above.

Stepping Stone Pediatrics does not provide a Vaccine Exemption form on religious or philosophical grounds. In rare cases, an exemption for medical reason that is clinically corroborated could be provided based on our provider's assessment and clinical judgment. We reserve the right to refuse care of any individuals who are unable to comply with this policy.

Additionally effective July 28, 2019, per WA House Bill 1638, we are no longer providing exemption from Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, which is required for school and child care admissions.

We look forward to serving your family.

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CDC Vaccine Schedule: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html