



### Willow Tree Pediatrics Vaccination Policy

Willow Tree Pediatrics has carefully reviewed our approach to vaccinations in our practice. We believe in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent illness and to save lives.

We follow the immunization guidelines provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). A copy of the schedule will be provided upon request.

Scientific research has consistently shown that vaccines are safe and effective in preventing diseases in children and adults. It is safe to give multiple or combination vaccines at the same office visit. Based on evidence and current studies, we do not believe that vaccines cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

Please be advised that delaying or splitting up vaccines to give one or two at a time goes against expert recommendations and is against our advice as health care providers at Willow Tree Pediatrics. Delaying or limiting vaccines can put your child at risk for harm by leaving them vulnerable to deadly diseases. We do not recommend that parents pick their own schedule.

- We respect the rights of all parents/ guardians to make decisions and understand that you want what is best for your children.
- We recognize that the choice to vaccinate may be a very emotional one for some parents.
- We will do our best to provide education and information that vaccinating according to the CDC schedule is the appropriate thing to do for your children.

**If despite our recommendations, you feel you cannot follow the AAP and CDC recommendations for vaccines, we ask that you find another health care provider who shares your views.** Thank you for your time in reading this policy and please discuss any questions you may have about vaccines with any one of our medical staff.

By signing below, you agree and acknowledge compliance with this policy.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_