

## **East Louisville Pediatrics Vaccine Policy**

The providers at East Louisville Pediatrics welcome you and your child to our practice. Our practice, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Center for Disease Control strongly believe that immunizations are in the best interest of your child and the community. Our office policy requires all patients to have the state required childhood immunizations to protect your children from the risk of infectious diseases.

It is our belief at East Louisville Pediatrics that vaccinating your child against such devastating illnesses is the single greatest benefit that medicine offers. However, our providers recognize that some parents have concerns regarding the number of vaccines given at one time. For these families, our providers will offer an alternative vaccine schedule which spreads out the vaccines. This will require extra office/shot only visits to administer the vaccines due according to your schedule.

Vaccines are continually monitored for safety, and like any medication, vaccines can cause side effects. For the most part, these are reactions minor, such as a sore arm or low-grade fever, and will go away within a few days. Specific concerns regarding the preservative thimerosal were removed from childhood vaccines in the United States in 2001.

East Louisville Pediatrics believes vaccines are critical to the health and safety of your children and to everyone around them. For this reason, we do NOT ACCEPT any unimmunized children into our practice, unless medically contraindicated, and WILL NOT consider vaccine refusal of any state required vaccine. We do not provide any religious exemption forms for vaccines.

We will provide you with all VIS sheets and answer any questions you have about the vaccines due for your child. The vaccines utilized in our office is at the sole discretion of East Louisville Pediatrics. We will not special order any vaccines to satisfy any individual request. We keep diligent records on all immunizations given at our office. All manufacturers, lot numbers, and expiration dates are recorded in the patient's chart. If you change your mind on a vaccine after the vaccine is discussed and ordered with the provider, you will still be charged for this vaccine, as the vaccine must be discarded at this point in the process.

East Louisville Pediatrics realizes that parents have a choice when it comes to choosing the pediatric care that best fits their needs. We desire a mutually satisfying doctor-patient relationship based on respect and trust. We understand that sometimes there are philosophical differences, either from your perspective or ours, mandating that care be transferred somewhere else. Should you decide against the state required vaccines, we respectfully wish you and your family the best luck of in your personal journey to find another pediatrician that will meet your needs.

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Signature