

PAMPA VACCINE STATEMENT

Protecting your children, our children and the community by giving the currently available vaccines is one of the most important medical interventions we provide to children. The risks of the diseases are far greater than the risks of the vaccines themselves. Therefore, we encourage all parents to ensure their children's health by immunizing them on time.

Immunizations are safe. The recommended vaccines and the recommended schedule are the results of over a century of research. Vaccine safety is confirmed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended vaccine schedule gives vaccines when they are most effective. Multiple vaccine doses over time are necessary to provide the best protection against disease. Delaying vaccines puts children and the community at unnecessary risk. Giving the vaccines on the recommended schedule ensures that children have immunity when they are most susceptible to preventable diseases.

Parents are faced with an overwhelming amount of information about vaccines and their possible side effects. We encourage them to look for sources not based on the anecdote and emotion but sources based on scientific evidence, such as the internet sites listed below.

www.immunize.org (Immunization Action Coalition)

www.cdc.gov/vaccines (CDC website)

Thank you for your time in reading this policy, and please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of us. You will have the opportunity to discuss any questions you have about vaccinations with your provider at all future visits.

The Providers of PAMPA

I have read and understand the above PAMPA vaccine statement. I understand that if I refuse recommended vaccines, or fail to keep my child (children) up to date with the AAP/CDC recommended schedule, that I may be asked to seek pediatric medical care elsewhere.

Patient Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____