

# Stepping Stone Pediatrics

## Vaccine Policy

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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.

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 mutually agreeable written plan and timetable of when these vaccines are going to be administered.

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.**

In compliance to the Washington state law, if a Washington Vaccine Exemption form is required, an office visit for a face-to-face counseling is required. Additionally effective July 28, 2019, per WA House Bill 1638, we are no longer providing exemption from Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine required for school and child care entry.

We look forward to serving your family.

Best Regards,

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Addendum: Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 years or younger, United States, 2018 )[https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/immunization\\_schedule2018.pdf](https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/immunization_schedule2018.pdf))