

# Bama Pediatrics Vaccine Policy Statement

**We firmly believe** in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.

**We firmly believe** in the safety of our vaccines

**We firmly believe that all children and young adults should receive all recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.**

**We firmly believe, based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, that vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities. We firmly believe thimerosal, a preservative that has been in vaccines for decades and remains in some vaccines, does not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.**

**We firmly believe** that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as healthcare providers, and that you can perform as parents/caregivers. The recommended vaccine schedule are results of years and years of scientific study and data gathering in millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.

We recognize that this choice may be a very emotional one for some parents. **Please be advised, however, that delaying or "breaking up the vaccines "to give one or two at a time over two or more visits goes against expert recommendations and can put your child at risk for serious illness (or even death) and goes against our medical advice as providers at (Bama Pediatrics).** Such additional visits will require additional co-pays on your part. Please realize that you will also be required to sign a "Refusal to Vaccinate" acknowledgement in the event of lengthy delays.

Because we are committed to protecting the health of your children through vaccination, we require all our patients to be vaccinated. Finally, if you should absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child despite all our efforts, we will ask you to find another healthcare provider who shares your views. We do not keep a list of such providers, nor would we recommend any such physician.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating your child on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do to protect all children and young adults. Thank you for taking the time to read this policy. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any of us.

Thank you,  
The Physicians at Bama Pediatrics

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
have read the above Bama Pediatrics Vaccine Policy and I plan to Vaccinate my child according to the recommended vaccination schedule from the American Academy of Pediatrics and The Center for Disease Control

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Signature

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Relation to Patient

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Date