



Vaccine Policy

After careful thought and consideration, and in response to the recommendations of both The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the medical providers at Sartell Pediatrics requires all patients of the practice to immunize their children. Not only does this protect your child from preventable illnesses, but lessens the risk to newborn infants in our waiting rooms.

As a result of the extensive immunization practices in the United States over the past few decades, our children are unlikely to develop deafness or die from Haemophilus meningitis, be confined to a wheelchair for a lifetime as a result of polio infection, or suffer the consequences of encephalitis from measles infection. It is important to remember that while these potentially fatal childhood infections are uncommon, they still do exist. It is our duty to make sure that our children are not afflicted with a deadly or devastating disease, which could be prevented by vaccination.

We certainly understand the personal nature of your decision. As always, please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

For more information about vaccinations please visit the following websites:

- Centers for Disease Control - <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index.html>
- Centers for Disease Control / Recommended Vaccines for Children – <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf>
- The American Academy of Pediatrics - <http://www2.aap.org/immunization/>