



Serenity Pediatrics Vaccination Policy

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At Serenity Pediatrics, we are dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of our patients. We are deeply concerned about the recent rise in vaccine-preventable diseases in our community. These diseases pose a significant threat to the health of children. We firmly believe in the science of vaccines to prevent serious diseases and protect public health. Vaccinations are a crucial part of preventative health care and play a vital role in protecting individuals and communities from serious diseases. In light of this commitment and in response to this growing concern, we have established the following vaccination policy, effective December 1st, 2023:

- **New Patient Vaccination Policy:**
 - Effective December 1st, 2023, Serenity Pediatrics will only accept new patients who are in compliance with the vaccination schedule as recommended and outlined by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- **Existing Patients:**
 - At this time, currently established patients and their siblings (patients who have been seen previously in the office within the past 2 years & prior to December 1st, 2023) will be grandfathered in under this policy and will continue to receive care at Serenity Pediatrics. However, should you choose to update your child's vaccination status, we are here to support you and provide guidance on catch-up vaccination schedules.
- **Education & Support:**
 - We understand that vaccination decisions can be complex and we are committed to providing evidence-based information and resources to parents and guardians to help them make informed choices regarding vaccinations. We are committed to providing information, addressing concerns, and engaging in open and respectful dialogue with parents and guardians who have questions about vaccines. We will continue to stay updated on the latest vaccine research and recommendations to provide the best possible care to our patients.
- **Communication/Questions:**
 - For any questions, concerns, or inquiries related to this policy, we have created a Frequently Asked Questions document for your review. We have also established a dedicated email address, vaccine.policy@serenitydrs.com, for any additional questions. Please feel free to contact us through this channel, and our healthcare team will respond promptly to address your questions prior to becoming a new patient and establishing care as a vaccinating patient at Serenity.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with our vaccination policy. Our primary goal is to provide the best possible care for your child's health, and we firmly believe that vaccines play a critical role in achieving this goal. Together, we can work towards a healthier and safer future for all children.