



## Serenity Pediatrics Vaccination Policy Addendum

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Effective June 1, 2025, Serenity Pediatrics will require **all patients** to be up-to-date with vaccinations per the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines in order to continue receiving care at our practice. The following immunizations are **required**: DTaP, Hib, IPV, PCV20, Rotavirus, MMR, Varicella, Tdap, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal ACWY & Meningococcal B. The immunizations that are **not required** include: HPV, influenza, and COVID vaccines.

This policy applies to all currently established patients and all new patients joining the practice, including siblings & infants born into families already established in our clinic. Patients who are currently actively pursuing catch-up vaccination schedules may continue to receive care at Serenity Pediatrics. Currently established patients with existing appointments on the schedule through August 1, 2025 may remain on the schedule prior to transferring their care.

Our primary responsibility is to provide a safe healthcare environment for all of our patients, many of whom are infants, immunocompromised, or otherwise vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccination is a critical tool in protecting not only individual children but also the community at large through herd immunity. We have held off on implementing this change for as long as possible; however, due to the rise in measles and pertussis cases nationally, along with confirmed cases seen in our office, we are now compelled to take mandatory action to protect the health and safety of our patients and staff.

Welcoming unvaccinated children into our practice increases the risk of disease outbreaks and undermines our commitment to evidence-based medical care. By requiring that all new and existing patients follow the recommended immunization schedule, we align our clinical practices with the standards set by the AAP and the CDC, and we uphold the trust placed in us by families who expect a safe and medically sound environment.

We understand that this may be a difficult decision for some families. Our intent is not to exclude, but to provide the best and safest care possible to all our patients. We have updated our FAQ's document via the link below, which may help to address any questions or concerns that you may have. If you have any additional questions, concerns, or inquiries regarding our updated policy, please feel free to reach out to the office via our dedicated email address, [vaccine.policy@serenitydrs.com](mailto:vaccine.policy@serenitydrs.com).

[Frequently Asked Questions for Updated Vaccination Policy](#)