



## INWOOD VILLAGE PEDIATRICS

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

After careful thought and consideration, Inwood Village Pediatrics is strengthening its vaccination policy. This new standard reflects current recommendations from three leading health authorities: the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP.)

Our new policy:

- As of February 1, 2017, Inwood Village Pediatrics will no longer accept new patients whose parents/guardians will not permit vaccination or who wish to significantly delay vaccination.
- For current patient families with unvaccinated children, the physicians of Inwood Village Pediatrics request that unimmunized or partially immunized children start a catch-up vaccination schedule. Families will have one year from February 1, 2017 to get up to date on vaccines. Parents who are unwilling to commit to a vaccination schedule will need to find another physician outside of Inwood Village Pediatrics.
- Inwood Village Pediatrics will continue to accept new pediatric patients and retain established pediatric patients who have compromised immune systems or have documented adverse reactions to vaccines. Our pediatricians will work with those patients on an individual basis to determine if and when specific vaccines may be given.

Inwood Village Pediatrics' primary concern is the safety of all of our patients. We consider all children who are not vaccinated according to AAP, CDC and ACIP guidelines as "unvaccinated." The vaccination policy has been revised so that our clinic will not pose health risks to our most vulnerable patients: infants who are too young to be immunized, pregnant women and children who are immunocompromised.

Parents of patients who have already complied with the recommended vaccines need not be concerned about any needed "catch up." Parents of patients who have chosen to delay vaccines or alter their vaccine schedules should check the attached recommendation for childhood vaccinations. If you do not know your child's vaccine status, leave a message with our receptionist and she will get you a copy. If your child is behind, make an appointment with your pediatrician to discuss the needed vaccines and her recommendations for catch up in a timely fashion.

We are privileged to be your pediatricians and feel that this policy will ensure that we are providing the best care for all of the wonderful children in our practice.

Sincerely,

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Per Inwood Village Pediatrics:

**By age 1, your child should have completed:**

3 doses of DTaP

3 doses of ActHIB

3 doses of Rotateq

3 doses of Inactivated Polio

3 doses of Prevnar

3 doses of Hepatitis B

**By age 2 in addition to the above, your child should have completed:**

1 dose of MMR

1 dose of Varivax

2 doses of Hepatitis A

an additional dose of Prevnar, DTaP and ActHIB

**At age 4 your child should receive:**

booster doses of MMR, Varivax, Inactivated Polio and DTaP

**At age 11 years your child should receive:**

1 dose of Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine

1 dose of Tdap