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Vaccine Policy Statement

Patient Name _____ DOB _____

We at Village Pediatrics strongly support the NYS and American Academy of Pediatrics recommended vaccine schedule for infants, children and adolescents.

We recognize the confusion and questions some parents may have about vaccines. The very success of the vaccine program contributes to some of the questions; we do not see many of the childhood diseases we once saw because the vaccines are so effective. This may lead parents to have a false sense of security that their child is not at risk. But the diseases still exist and can infect a child who is not vaccinated.

There is also a large amount of misinformation in the press and on the internet about vaccines. There is no control over what is printed or placed on an individual's blog or Facebook. Because information is in print does not make it true. Conversely, because information is not in print does not make it false.

What is true is that years of scientific investigation that have gone into vaccine research. Vaccines are safe and necessary. If a child is not vaccinated, that child is clearly at risk and that child can put other children at risk. There is an obligation parents of unvaccinated children have to the other children in the community, this includes our office and waiting room.

If you plan to refuse all vaccines for your child or children, we recommend you seek another pediatrics practice that holds your similar views. We will continue to work with families who are willing to work with us but choose to follow alternative vaccine schedules. Vaccines are safe, effective and save lives. We will answer any questions you have about vaccines. We appreciate that this is an important decision parents are making for their child or children and will offer guidance and support.

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I have read and understand the above stated policy.

_____ Date _____

Additional Patient Names

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