



## Children's Medical Group, S.C.

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Dear Parent(s) of Children's Medical Group, S.C. Patients,

The physicians and allied health professionals of Children's Medical Group, S.C. believe vaccines prevent serious illnesses and save lives. To protect as many children as possible, Children's Medical Group S.C. will now only treat children who are vaccinated according to the vaccination schedule developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Effective January 1, 2016, there will be no exceptions for the vaccines that are mandatory for school entrance in the state of Illinois unless there is a *medically* indicated reason for vaccines to be delayed. Although Children's Medical Group, S.C.'s providers recommend that every child receives the influenza vaccine starting at the age of 6 months, the influenza vaccination is not currently part of this policy.

If your child is not currently vaccinated or is behind schedule on vaccinations, Children's Medical Group, S.C. expects the catch-up process to begin at your next office visit. The child's doctor or provider will discuss with you the appropriate catch-up schedule, and failure to comply with the schedule will result in release from the practice. Parents of patients who are behind on their vaccinations should schedule an appointment to discuss a catch-up schedule with their child's health care provider.

Children's Medical Group, S.C.'s providers support the position that:

- All of the vaccines in this country have been scientifically proven to be safe.
- All children should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the CDC.
- Based on the available literature, evidence and current scientific studies, vaccines do not cause autism or other developmental disabilities.

For more information about the Vaccination Policy, please schedule an appointment with your child's provider by calling 847-658-6065.

Thank you for helping us protect our community's children.

Sincerely,

*Children's Medical Group, S.C.*

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