

VACCINE POLICY

We realize how hard it is to be a wise and prudent parent these days and how difficult it is to decide what is the right course of action to take on many issues concerning the medical care of your children. There are many sources of information available to you, some of which are inaccurate or completely untrue. Since we make it a point to be current and up to date on many medical issues, we would like to be a trusted resource for all medical concerns you may have. One of the issues that seems to be quite confusing is that of ***Vaccinations***. There are many opinions concerning Vaccinations and even increasing numbers of people on the internet feel vaccines are unsafe.

Dr Herrin has reviewed all the credible medical evidence concerning vaccinations and we have concluded that **Vaccines are safe** and the schedule given by the American Academy of Pediatrics and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the CDC is the most prudent and efficacious method to provide immunizations. We feel that the best medical practice is to adhere to this schedule at all times, since it is reviewed frequently and the latest recommendations are made every year based upon the best medical evidence available.

Furthermore, we are aware that many alternative vaccine schedules are being promoted on the internet by certain groups and even some physicians. Most of these are not medically evidence-based and the consequences of using these schedules *have not* proven not to harm children. Therefore, we will only use the medically proven schedules at Herrin Pediatric Clinic. As always, flu and Covid 19 vaccines are always optional. **Should you choose to not vaccinate your children or you feel that you must vaccinate your children by some other alternative schedule, you will be asked to find another provider of medical care for your children.**