



### **We firmly believe:**

- *in the effectiveness of vaccines to prevent serious illness and to save lives.*
- *in the safety of our vaccines.*
- *that all children and young adults should receive all recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.*
- *based on all available literature, evidence, and current studies, that vaccines, nor thimerosal, a preservative which has been removed from infant vaccines, cause autism or other developmental disabilities.*
- *that vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health-promoting intervention we perform as health care providers and that parents can offer their children. The recommended vaccines and their immunization schedule are the results of years and years of scientific study and data gathered on millions of children by thousands of our brightest scientists and physicians.*

The physicians and care team at Lindenhurst Pediatrics care about your child's health. Protecting your child from vaccine preventable diseases is on the most important things we can do to ensure your child lives a long and healthy life. It is the recommendation of Lindenhurst Pediatrics that all children should follow the vaccine schedule as published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Lindenhurst Pediatrics will adhere to the recommended vaccine schedule of the State of Illinois required immunizations and will not support the use of delayed or alternate schedules unless the medical need arises.

In order to best protect your child, as well as all of our patients, Lindenhurst Pediatrics will no longer accept patients whose parents do not vaccination their children according to the recommended schedule. Patients who are behind on receiving the recommended vaccines will be given the opportunity to catch up through a timetable provided by their provider.

As medical professionals, we feel very strongly that vaccinating children on schedule with currently available vaccines is absolutely the right thing to do for all children and young adults, for everyones safety. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about vaccines with any one of our practitioners. While we respect your right as a parent to make medical decisions for your child, if you decide to refuse to vaccinate your child despite our strong recommendation, we ask that you find an alternate health care provider.

### Required Vaccines:

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| • Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) | • Meningococcal Meningitis    |
| • Haemophilus Influenza type B (HIB)    | • Polio (IPV)                 |
| • Hepatitis B                           | • Varicella (Chickenpox)      |
| • Pneumococcal disease (Prevnar)        | • Hepatitis A                 |
| • Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)         | • Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) |

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information above.**

**Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**