## Apache Prive Children's Clinic

## Vaccine Policy

The health and safety of the children in our care are our first priority. The providers of Apache Drive Children's Clinic believe the most vital step in staying healthy is to stay current on all vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. Therefore we encourage our patients to be immunized according to their published schedule.

Unvaccinated children are at a higher risk for becoming ill with a host of preventable diseases and than have serious consequences. Additionally, unvaccinated children's can potentially spread a preventable disease to another child who may be too young to be vaccinated or whose medical condition prevents them from some or all vaccines.

We want to make clear that for children currently in our care who have a medical condition, severe documented reactions, or treatments that preclude them from receiving vaccines, the clinic will exclude them from this policy until they are medically eligible to obtain vaccines.

## Our clinic policy statement:

Effective immediately, Apache Drive Children's Clinic will no longer accept new patients who are unvaccinated. Parents of unvaccinated children already in our care will be provided a 30 day notice to enroll with a different Primary Care Physician or start an alternate immunization schedule. Although we encourage all patients to follow the immunization guidelines provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the adoption of an alternate schedule is allowed. Parents who choose an alternate schedule are asked to have all vaccines completed by the age of 5.

We would encourage you to speak with one of our providers about this important matter. We will be happy to provide you with a current schedule of recommended vaccines. We look forward to providing your children with the best medical care in Northeast Arkansas.