



Dear Parents:

Children have been seen as a vital part of Village Church since its beginning. Every program sponsored by the Children and Family Ministry of Village Church is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all. To that end, we at Village Church and the Children and Family Ministry Committee strongly endorse the standard vaccination schedule as set by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for all children who attend our programs.

The AAP advises parents if a child does not receive the vaccine(s) according to the medically accepted vaccination schedule, the consequences may include:

- Contracting the illness the vaccine is designed to prevent (the outcomes of these illnesses may include one or more of the following: certain types of cancer, pneumonia, illness requiring hospitalization, death, brain damage, paralysis, meningitis, seizures, and deafness; other severe and permanent effects from these vaccine-preventable diseases are possible as well).
- Transmitting the disease to others (including those too young to be vaccinated or those with immune problems).
- Potential exclusion from all Village Church children's programming during a disease outbreak.

We recognize not all families observe the standard vaccination schedule. Please contact the director of your child's program if you require an alternative schedule or immunization exemption. We appreciate your careful attention to this issue as we strive to provide a safe and healthy environment for all children and their families.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Couch-Thomas  
Director Children and Family Ministry