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**OIT Program Immunization Policy**

To promote the health and safety of all patients, families, and staff, participation in the Oral Immunotherapy (OIT) Program requires that all pediatric patients be up to date on routine childhood vaccinations as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

The OIT program involves in-office visits every two weeks, during which patients and families share clinical spaces, waiting areas, and treatment rooms with other individuals. Maintaining current immunization status is essential to reduce the risk of transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases within the clinic setting, as well as to ensure overall health and immune system functioning during this intensive medical treatment, which will improve treatment success.

Up-to-date childhood vaccinations are critical for:

- Protecting the health and safety of the individual OIT patient, who may be at increased risk of allergic reactions if contracting illness during therapy.
- Safeguarding other patients and families in the clinic, including those with immune deficiencies or chronic medical conditions.
- Protecting vulnerable populations who may be present in the office, such as newborn infants and pregnant patients and/or staff.
- Ensuring the safety of clinical staff, who care for multiple patients daily and may interact with high-risk individuals.

This policy is intended to support a safe, healthy, and inclusive clinical environment for all individuals participating in the OIT program or visiting our office for other reasons. Failure to maintain up-to-date immunizations or provide appropriate medical documentation may result in postponement or discontinuation of participation in the OIT program.