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Vaccine Policy

At Kintiroglou Pediatrics, we form a partnership with parents to promote and provide the best health for their children. This includes encouraging parents to vaccinate their children according to the current immunization schedule supported by the Academy of Pediatrics and Center of Disease Control.

We understand that the decision to vaccinate your child can be a complicated and emotional one. We expect and hope to engage in an ongoing conversation with you as your pediatrician, with the goal of encouraging you to vaccinate your child according to the recommended schedule. The vaccines provided to your children in this timely manner has been proven to minimize potential side effects, while maximizing both individual and community immunity for many vaccine-preventable diseases.

For parents who request breaking up vaccinations (i.e. following an alternative schedule) we will enforce the following policies:

1. Each visit for a vaccine will include a temperature check, weight check and administration of vaccines. You will be responsible for a co-payment at each alternative scheduled appointment.
2. We may or may not be able to accommodate your preferable scheduling request. In order to keep our flow of well visits and sick visits, there are certain allotted times in our schedule for vaccine only appointments.
3. For those families who choose to refuse and/or delay vaccinations for their children, they will be asked to **sign a Refusal to Vaccinate form** to reflect their decision to go against the advice of their provider at each well visit.

Unfortunately there are circumstances where, despite ongoing conversation, your pediatrician may decide that the partnership is not conducive to promoting optimal care for your child(ren). In these cases, a family may be asked to seek care with another physician who shares their philosophy. Ultimately, our goal is to encourage and support the well-being of children. We look forward to working with you in this endeavor.