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## **Preventive Health Care and Immunization Policy**

### **Preventive Health Care**

The physicians of Mid-Ohio Pediatrics feel caring for the health and wellbeing of your child is a joint effort between parents and the medical provider. In alignment with the American Academy for Pediatrics (AAP) we believe in the importance of continuity of care in comprehensive health and supervision and the need to avoid fragmentation of care. We feel it is essential all families adhere to the AAP Preventive Pediatric Health Care schedule.

### **Immunizations**

We firmly believe all children and young adults should receive all of the recommended vaccines according to the schedule published by the AAP and Center for Disease Control (CDC).

We firmly believe vaccinating children and young adults may be the single most important health promoting intervention we perform as health care providers and that you can perform as parents/caregivers.

We recognize the choice to vaccinate may be an emotional one for some parents. We will do everything we can to reassure you that vaccinating according to the AAP Compliant Version of the immunization schedule is the right thing to do. Please be advised that delaying or spreading out the vaccines to give one or two at a time over multiple visits goes against expert recommendations, can put your child at risk for serious illness, disability, and even death, and goes against our medical advice as providers at Mid-Ohio Pediatrics.

The AAP Preventive Health Care schedule and Compliant Immunization schedule work hand in hand with each other. By planning and scheduling ahead for each visit we can keep your family on track to receive consistent quality care. In the event your family fails to maintain the Preventive Health Care and/or Immunization schedule, you may be asked to leave the practice.

Thank you for understanding our practice policy.

Sincerely,

The Physicians of Mid-Ohio Pediatrics