

What to Expect in Exams with Dr. Piippo

Dr. Piippo is a pediatric and double vision specialist. These exams can take longer than most routine vision or routine medical eye examinations. **Exams with Dr. Piippo can last up to two hours, depending upon the type of exam you/your child is being seen for.**

All patients under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian with them at all times. Dr. Piippo will not be able to conduct the exam unless the patient's parent/guardian is in the room. Children are not to be left unattended in the waiting area or patient rooms. It is recommended to avoid bringing siblings or additional family members to the appointment, as the wait times can be overwhelming for children accompanying the patient, but we understand this is not always possible. In these cases, please plan to have all children with you or a parent/guardian at all times.

Dr. Piippo's exams typically require dilation at a minimum of once per year, for patients of all ages. Dilation requires the use of eye drops that make the pupil larger in order for the doctor to have a wider, more thorough view of the inside/back of the eye. These drops can take up to 30 minutes to take full affect. It may sometimes take a second set of drops to achieve full dilation. This can lead to extended wait times, so you may want to bring a quiet activity or small snack and drink for your child while they are waiting.

- Please remember to bring any paperwork you may have for the appointment and give it to the technician when you are called back. This includes paperwork issued by the health department relating to exams requested by the school.
- Make sure to bring both medical insurance and vision insurance cards to the appointment, and a photo ID for the parent/guardian. If there is no insurance, please be prepared to pay at the time of service.
- Please complete the pre-registration email/text sent ahead of the appointment to prevent delays at the front desk. You should receive a link directing you to a secure website to accomplish this.
- **If you wear glasses, please be sure to bring your current glasses along to your appointment.**

Due to the dilation, the patient will experience sensitivity to light and may experience blurry vision for several hours following the appointment. Please bring sunglasses if you have them, or we can provide a temporary pair at the front desk following your appointment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Piippo and Team Members