

Medication Protocol

Every child has an occasional need for medication. We encourage you to discuss with your child's medical provider dosing schedules or once-a-day regimens that can be administered at home.

All medications (including non-prescription acetaminophen and antihistamines, as well as all ointments, lotions, sunscreens, insect repellants, and remedies for diaper-rash) will require a parent's or guardian's signed Authorization for Administration of Medication form (available from center management).

- The current prescription label from the pharmacy with complete information and instructions will suffice as the medical provider's authorization for prescription medication. If the label does not include all necessary information, a signed Authorization for Administration of Medication form will be required from the medical provider.
- All medication—prescription and nonprescription—must be brought to the center in the original container and labeled with the child's full name, instructions (precise dosage, time to be administered), current date, and name and telephone number of physician, where necessary. Medication spoons and other dosing tools must be provided and be labeled with the child's name (medication cannot be given without this).
- All medications must be handed directly to center management. Please do not leave medication—including ointments, lotions, and lip balms—in lunch bags, backpacks, or a child's cubby. Changes in medication/dosage require a new Authorization for Administration of Medication form and, when necessary, an updated prescription or note from the child's medical provider.

Doses will be tracked on an Administration of Medication log; all unused medications will be returned to parents/guardians. We ask that the first dose of any new medication be given at home to note any side effects. Please note, that we are unable to administer expired medications of any kind.

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