

Medication Administration

Read alongside the Illness & Sick-Child Policy

We will not administer Tylenol, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or any other fever-reducing medication to lower a child's fever so the child can stay in care. If a child develops a fever while here, we contact the parent or guardian for immediate pick-up.

✦ WHEN WE CAN GIVE TYLENOL OR IBUPROFEN

For an approved medical reason other than keeping a feverish child in care, and only when we have all three of the following:

- ✦ A completed **medication authorization form** signed by the parent or guardian.
- ✦ **Written instructions from your child's health care provider** stating the child's name, age, medication, dosage, reason for use, administration schedule, and duration.
- ✦ The medication in its **original, unexpired container**, labeled with your child's name.

✦ ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS

Antibiotics and other prescription or non-prescription medications will not be administered without a completed medication authorization form and written instructions from your child's health care provider specifying the correct dosage and schedule *for that child*.

Medication will not be administered when authorization or instructions are **missing, incomplete, or inconsistent with the medication label**.

✦ HANDLING & STORAGE

- ✦ Hand all medication **directly to a staff member** at arrival. Never pack medication in your child's bag or belongings.
- ✦ All medication is checked in and stored where children cannot reach it.
- ✦ Children may not take any medication that we have not administered, including cough drops and throat lozenges.

✦ ONE IMPORTANT LIMIT

Receiving medication does not allow a child to remain in or return to care if the child still meets any illness-exclusion criteria in our Illness & Sick-Child Policy.

